

11/19/2019

**NOTICE OF DENIAL**

Wayne Groleau  
17965 Kirkshire  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

**RE: Application Number 19-6464; 4801 Sturtevant; Russell Woods-Sullivan Historic District**

Dear Mr. Groleau:

At the regularly scheduled meeting that was held on November 13, 2019, the Detroit Historic District Commission ("Commission") reviewed the above-referenced application for building permit. Pursuant to Section 21-2-80 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, the Commission hereby issues a **Notice of Denial** which is effective as of November 19, 2019. The Commission finds that the proposed work *does not* qualify for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following reasons:

The work that was completed on 4801 Sturtevant was denied as inappropriate exterior alterations. This includes: the removal of wood shake siding and its replacement with horizontal siding and stucco / half-timbering; the modification of window and door openings at the rear of the home; and the removal and replacement of windows throughout the home.

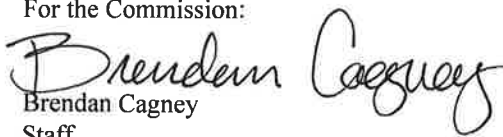
This work is not appropriate based on the following Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation: Number 2) *The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided;* Number 5) *Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved;* Number 6) *Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence;* and Number 9) *New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.*

You may file a new application for consideration if the application is corrected, if new information is obtained regarding the application, or if the proposed scope of work changes. Please be advised that a permit applicant that is aggrieved by a decision of the Detroit Historic District Commission concerning a permit application may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Review Board. Within sixty (60) days of your receipt of this notice, an appeal may be filed with:

Brian D. Conway  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Michigan Historical Center  
717 W. Allegan Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48918-1800

Once this administrative right of appeal has been exhausted, a permit applicant may file an appeal of the decision of the State Historic Preservation Review Board with the circuit court. If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Taylor Leonard, Counsel for the Commission at (313) 237-3006.

For the Commission:

  
Brendan Cagney

Staff  
Detroit Historic District Commission