

09/17/2024

**NOTICE OF DENIAL**

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**RE: Application Number HDC2024-00425; 1474 W. Boston; Boston-Edison Historic District**

Dear Applicant,

At the Regular Meeting that was held on September 11, 2024, the Detroit Historic District Commission (“DHDC”) reviewed the above-referenced application. Pursuant to Section 5(1) and 9(1) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205 (1), MCL 399.209 (9) and Sections 21-2-78 and 21-2-80 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; the DHDC hereby issues a Denial for the following work, effective on September 17, 2024, as it will be inappropriate according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and the district’s Elements of Design:

- ***Replace original wood windows with aluminum-clad wood windows***

The Commission's reason for denial is that the proposed work will destroy architectural features that characterize the property.

- No documentation establishing that the original condition of the windows was beyond repair was submitted or available.
- A “full restoration” of the original windows may not be necessary to return to acceptable service, but no repair or restoration estimate was provided.
- The replacement of the original wood casements and double-hung windows with true divided light with uniform double-hung aluminum clad windows is not compatible with historic architecture in the house in that they:
  - destroy the distinctive, character-defining features of the original windows, particularly the true-divided lights detailing,
  - introduce a new design, operation, and scale which is not historically appropriate and does not conform to the District’s Elements of Design.

Therefore, this work fails to meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards, specifically Standards:

***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.***

***5) Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.***

***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.***

The application may be resubmitted for the Historic District Commission's review when suggested changes have been made that address the cited reasons for denial, if applicable. Please be advised that, in accordance with MCL 399. 211 and Section 21-2-81 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, an applicant aggrieved by a decision of the DHDC 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:

Jon Stuckey, Michigan Department of Attorney General  
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525 West Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 30754, Lansing, MI 48909  
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If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact staff at 313-224-1762 or [hdc@detroitmi.gov](mailto:hdc@detroitmi.gov).

For the Commission:



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