STAFF REPORT: 9/22/2021 MEETING PREPARED BY: D. RIEDEN

APPLICATION NUMBER: #21-7478 ADDRESS: 2921 EAST GRAND BLVD.

HISTORIC DISTRICT: JAM HANDY/NORTH END - EAST GRAND BLVD.

APPLICANT: JOSH GERSHONOWICZ

PROPERTY OWNER: JOSH GERSHONOWICZ

DATE OF PROVISIONALLY COMPLETE APPLICATION: 8/23/2021

DATE OF STAFF SITE VISIT: 8/31/2021

SCOPE: PAINT ON BRICK, INSTALL DOORS AND STOREFRONT WITHOUT APPROVAL

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Built in 1928, the property at 2921 East Grand Blvd. is a two-story, commercial building facing north near the corner of Beaubien Street. The flat roofed, beige-bricked building has been painted on the side elevations. The full front elevation is clad in stone masonry with a score of dentils under a cornice mold and four columned pilasters that frame the symmetrical storefront. A lion-head relief watches over each door. The public sidewalk runs along the entire front edge of the building with a narrow band of grass before the street curb. The building is abutted by its neighboring building to the west and an open, fenced-in parking lot to the east. Moveable planter boxes frame a seasonal outdoor seating area in the parking lot immediately adjacent to the building, where the new storefront windows and painted brick are featured on the east elevation.



Site Photo 1, by Staff August 31 2021: (North) front side



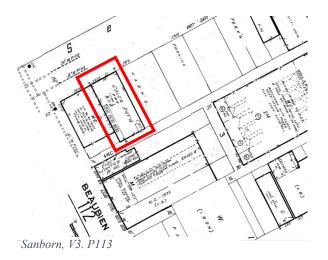
Site Photo 2 by Google Street View 2015: (Northeast) front/side.

This property includes the following previous approvals:

- January 2020, COA: Signage
- April 2021, COA: Seasonal outdoor dining space

This property has the following outstanding violation for work done without approval; the subject of this application.

• May 2021, Work Done Without Approval: Storefront windows and paint on brick masonry.





Aerial of Parcel #03001802

PROPOSAL

The applicant provided a proposal for the following scope items (see also applicant drawings, photos and attachments):

Windows/Doors Installation:

- Front elevation 2nd floor:
 - Retain existing aluminum and glass storefront system at both (2) sides and (8) middle sets of panes.
 - o Add 7/8" simulated stick-on aluminum muntins, color black, to either side sets of panes.
- Front elevation 1st floor:
 - Top Row: Install new aluminum and glass storefront system, ten (10) panes with 1" insulated glass "Kawneer" trifab versa glaze 45IT or equal, with center glazing, color black.
 - o Add 7/8" simulated aluminum muntins, color black.
 - o Install new break metal closure to match adjacent storefront system (both sides).
 - Lower Row: Install new aluminum and glass storefront system, eight (8) panes with 1" insulated glass "Kawneer" trifab versa glaze 45IT or equal, with center glazing, color black. Set on top of existing bottom row of masonry block.
 - O Doors: Install two (2) new aluminum and glass door and frame with break metal closures at sides to infill existing width masonry openings.
- Side (east) elevation, 1st floor at two bay locations:
 - o Install two (2) 4"x4"x3/8" columns with connecting W8x10 beam above windows. Connect 8"x12"x1/2" top and bottom steel plate with four (4) ½" anchor bolts to existing concrete.
 - Two bays infilled with solid brick unit wall.
 - At 14 brick courses height, install new aluminum and glass storefront system (10ft x 6ft), fifteen (15) panes with 1" insulated glass "Kawneer" trifab versa glaze 45IT or equal, with center glazing, color black.
 - Existing side steel door removed, and replaced with new aluminum glass door and frame, color black, matching front elevation doors.
 - o Install steel door, with new opening, to the right of the storefront windows.

Exterior Paint:

• Side (east) elevation, entire wall and tower:

Paint masonry (brick and concrete) components with exterior grade, Sherwin Williams.
 Color "7674 Peppercorn".

STAFF OBSERVATIONS AND RESEARCH

- Staff visited the site on August 31, 2021 and September 17, 2021. Staff photographed the property from the public right-of-way and observed the front, sides and interior first floor of the building. (See staff photos enclosed)
- Staff received an updated set of photos on the prior interior and exterior conditions on September 10, 2021 in response to additional information requested from the applicant with regards to the following:
 - Applicant confirmed that the paint used on the exterior brick was Sherwin Williams A-100 Satin Exterior Latex "7674 Peppercorn".
 - Applicant confirmed that the windows that were installed match the model/type of those called out in the applicant's drawings, 1" insulated glass "Kawneer" trifab versa glaze 45IT.
 - Staff confirmed that the "simulated stick-on aluminum muntins", depicted in the submitted drawings, are actually between-the-glass grids.
 - Staff observed that the front elevation, right side door may have been installed by cutting or removing a portion of the stone base. The applicant stated that they do not have recollection of this work and has offered to look into records.



Site Photo 2, by Staff Sept. 17, 2021: Interior (North) front side.

- Staff confirmed that there was no existing storefront on the first floor, front elevation. However, there were existing storefront aluminum windows on the second floor, which the applicant retained and utilized to inform the design of the first floor storefront.
- Where no historic windows are available, the NPS Guidelines allow for replacement windows to be installed per the Standards, provided that they "fill the original window openings" and are "compatible with the overall historic character of the building":
 - Replacement Windows Where No Historic Windows Remain: "Replacement windows for missing or non-historic windows must be compatible with the historic appearance and character of the building. Although replacement windows may be based on physical or pictorial documentation, if available, recreation of the missing historic windows is not required to meet the Standards. Replacement of missing or non-historic windows must, however, always fill the original window openings and must be compatible with the overall historic character of the building. The general type of window – industrial steel, wood double-hung, etc. – that is appropriate can usually be determined from the proportions of the openings, and the period and historic function of the building. The appearance of the replacement windows must be consistent with the general characteristics of a historic window of the type and period, but need not replicate the missing historic window. In many cases, this may be accomplished using substitute materials. There may be some additional flexibility with regard to the details of windows on secondary elevations that are not highly visible, consistent with the approach outlined for replacing existing historic windows. Replacing existing incompatible, non-historic windows with similarly incompatible new windows does not meet the Standards." See: https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/applying-rehabilitation/successful-rehab/windowsreplacement.htm
- Staff observed the second door, to the right of the front elevation has stone base that was cut short to allow for the installation of the door. While the NPS Guidelines state that original window openings shall be

- maintained (as shown in the above citation), it is staff's opinion that the symmetry, width, design and materiality are maintained, reflecting the dimensions of the left door, and therefore, keeps the appearance and consistency of the general characteristics of the historic window.
- It is staff's opinion that the side elevation (east) is considered a secondary elevation, as the architectural features appear to be designed as a party wall for future development adjacent to the lot, but Sanborn and historic maps indicate this side parcel has historically been a parking lot.
- Staff has identified a distinct, character-defining feature of the east elevation: the exposed concrete bay structure with beige brick infill, which features both header and running course bonds.
- Staff observed that portions of the first floor side elevation had been "tagged" with graffiti and subsequently painted white. However, the second story and tower to the rear showed original, non-painted beige brick prior to the applicants' painting of the full elevation with the gray color.
- As per the NPS Guidelins, "applying paint or other coatings such as stucco to masonry that has been historically unpainted or uncoated to create a new appearance" is not recommended.
 https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation/rehab/masonry01.htm
- Around each side elevation window, staff observed that a different textured brick was used to infill each bay of the newly installed windows. This brick does not match the bond pattern of the other existing bays' brick. However, it is staff's opinion that this architectural intervention is appropriate because this modern alteration respects the boundaries of the historic concrete bays, and does not destroy the overall historic character of the elevation.

ISSUES

- It is staff's opinion that this installation of storefront systems on the front and side elevations are compatible with the design, material, color and scale of this building. However, there are two design elements at the front elevation that are not compatible with the historic context of the storefront design for Jam Handy/North End East Grand Blvd HD:
 - The use of simulated, between-the-glass grids in the storefront glass (first and second floors) are not an appropriate design treatment for windows in a historic building. See Jam Handy/North End East Grand Blvd HD. Elements of Design, particularly, "Relationship of Textures":
 - "...Windows come in a variety of types, including fixed factory windows with metal sashes, glass block replacement windows, and wood and vinyl double hung windows either placed singly or arranged into groups of twos or threes, horizontal bands of ribbon windows, and narrow window columns. Fabric awnings above major entries provide additional textural variety." Section 21-2-226 d (8).
 - The horizontal divisions of the transoms above each door, instead of a single pane of glass.
- The NPS Guidelines do not recommend "applying paint or other coatings such as stucco to masonry that has been historically unpainted or uncoated to create a new appearance." It is therefore staff's opinion that the painting of unpainted masonry on the east elevation does not meet the Standards.
- It is staff's opinion that the east elevation infill brick around the two storefronts respects the historic character defining features of the property. Because the brick that was utilized to infill these two bays was not the original brick that was once there, it is staff's opinion that *only inside* these two bays, would paint on the brick be considered appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

Section 21-2-78, Determination of Historic District Commission

Recommendation #1: Painting side elevation masonry:

With the exception of the two infill brick bays, staff finds that painting the side elevation's brick masonry reduces the historic character of this property and removes distinctive features. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue a Denial for the proposed application, as it does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards

for Rehabilitation, 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.
- 4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- 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.

Recommendation #2: Storefront and door installation:

It is staff's opinion that the installed storefront at the front and side elevations, the infill brick and the installed doors on the east elevation retain and preserves the historic character of the building, its site, and setting. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness as the proposed work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Staff recommends that the Certificate of Appropriateness is issued with the following conditions:

- The applicant remove the divided light transoms above each front elevation door and replace each with a single pane of glass.
- The between-the-glass muntin sash be replaced with true or simulated divide lights, or a single pane of glass sash.
- The applicant submit HDC Staff a plan for these conditions to finalize for approval before installation of conditions.



















THIS IS A 3-PAGE FORM - ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR PROJECT REVIEW

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST

City of Detroit - Planning & Development Department 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808
Detroit. Michigan 48226

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PROPERTY IN	NFORMATION					
ADDRESS(ES):		AKA:				
PARCEL ID:	HISTORIC DISTRICT:					
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Homeowner	Contractor	Business Occupant Consultant				
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Upon receipt of this	documentation, staff will review and information	rm you of the next steps toward obtaining your building				

SUBMIT COMPLETED REQUESTS TO: HDC@DETROITMI.GOV

permit from the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEtED) to perform the work.

P2 - BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

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This application can also be completed online. Visit detroitmi.gov/bseed/elaps for more information.



East Grand Enterprises LLC | 2921 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202

To whom it may concern,

In approximately March 2018, East Grand Enterprises LLC on behalf of tenant Rebuild Group, kicked of construction of 2921 East Grand Blvd.

The conditions of the property at that time were considered in poor or dangerous condition. The property was without working electrical wiring, scrapped of all metals, 3.5 feet of water in the basement, a collapsed roof, cinder blocked windows, a nonfunctioning freight elevator, and left exposed to the elements for several years.

The work required to bring the property up to good condition required a complete gut rehabilitation. Due to the fact the property was without windows, replacement was necessary as repair was not an option.

As it pertains to the letter from the Historic Commission dated June 30th 2021, the following exterior work was completed at 2921 East Grand Blvd and a certificate of occupancy was issued in August 2019.

- Replacement of aluminum and glass, matched to existing 2nd floor openings
- Replacement of aluminum and glass, matched to existing 1st floor openings
- Addition of aluminum and glass, matched to new East facing 1st floor openings
- Paint on East elevation wall and tower
- Replace east elevation steel door with store front door
- Install steel door in East exterior wall

Please see attached specs and drawings. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Josh Gershonowicz

Member, East Grand Enterprises LLC (855) 725-3628 Ext. 710 2921 E. Grand Blvd. Ste. 200 Detroit, MI 48202



June 30, 2021

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808 Detroit, Michigan 48226 Phone: 313.224.1762 hdviolations@detroitmi.gov www.detroitmi.gov/hdc

Jared Gadbaw Upfront Hospitality 36316 Fort Sumter Ct. Farmington Hills, MI 48331

RE: Property at 2921 E. Grand Blvd.; Jam Handy / East Grand Blvd. Historic District

NOTICE OF WORK OBSERVED

Dear Property Owner,

According to the City of Detroit's records, you are the owner of 2921 E. Grand Blvd., which is located in the Jam Handy / East Grand Blvd. Historic District. While recently performing routine fieldwork, Historic District Commission staff observed that the following modifications have been made to the exterior of the property, which according to our records, was performed without approval of the Historic District Commission ("Commission"):

• Installation of new storefront windows

If this work was approved by the Commission, please provide us a copy of the decision letter associated with the work listed above as soon as you are able but no later than **July 30, 2021**.

If this work was not approved by the Commission, you must submit an application so that the Commission will address the work. Please complete and submit the attached Project Review Request form (including all check-list items) along with the supporting documents listed in the enclosed brochure for the above-listed exterior modifications.

If neither a copy of the decision letter nor a completed form and supporting documentation has not been received by the date above, additional enforcement activity will be initiated.

If you are no longer the owner of the property or have questions, please contact HDC staff at HDviolations@detroitmi.gov.

For the Commission:

Daniel Rieden,

V. Kreen

Staff

Detroit Historic District Commission

cc: Property Owner 2921 E. Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48202

PERMIT LOCATION: 2921 E GRAND BLVD.

Project No.:

Legal Occupancy

: Business

Permit No.:

BLD2019-00804

Bldg Type Code Stories:

Use Group:

Issue Date:

08/21/2019

Zoning Dist.

Square Feet

Between Streets

Owner:

Que Fountaine 1528 Woodward Ave, Suite 600 Detroit, MI 48226

Whitebox Drawings for existing 2 story structure. Build-out of basement and 1st floor for possible future tenant. 2nd floor currently under construction.

Conditions of Occupancy:

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND COMPLIANCE



City of Detroit

Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department Building Division

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center 2 Woodward Avenue, 4th Floor, Suite 408, Detroit, Michigan 48226 (313) 224-3202

Issued To:

Permit No: BLD2019-00804

Que Fountaine 1528 Woodward Ave, Suite 600 Detroit, MI 48226

PERMIT LOCATION: 2921 E GRAND BLVD.

This is to certify that the construction work or use of premises described above has been duly inspected and is acceptable for occupancy as stated herein.

This certificate is issued in accordance with applicable Laws, Ordinances and Regulations enforced by the various Divisions of the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department of the City of Detroit.

It is specifically understood that this certificate becomes null and void when secured through fraud or by reason of latent violations not ascertainable at the time of inspection or when changes in construction, installation, or occupancy are made without Department approval.

Failure to maintain this premises in good repair shall be cause for termination of this certificate.

David Bell Director

This law provides for subsequent inspection of these premises by this Department at any reasonable time.

TO BE POSTED ON PREMISES



City of Detroit
Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department
Building Division
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue, 4th Floor, Suite 408, Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 224-3202

Applicant:
SACHSE CONSTRUCTION
1528 WOODWARD STE 600
DETROIT, MI 48226

09/06/2019

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

On 09/06/2019,

The Building Division

Inspected: 2921 E GRAND BLVD

Permit # : BLD2018-01207

Inspector: Ronald Fairnot

and found the same to be satisfactory to this Division.

REMARKS:

Final Re-inspection. Met with Mark and found fire alarm/life-safety and all work complete on 2nd floor build-out.

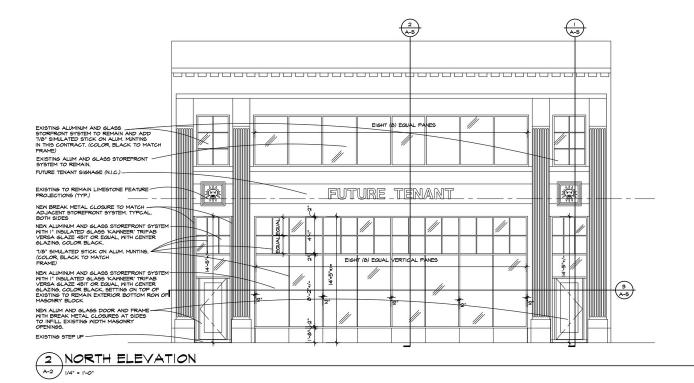
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David Bell

Director

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