From: Nick Assenmacher
To: Audra Dye
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: 715 Van Dyke - update on review of HDC application
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:39:31 AM
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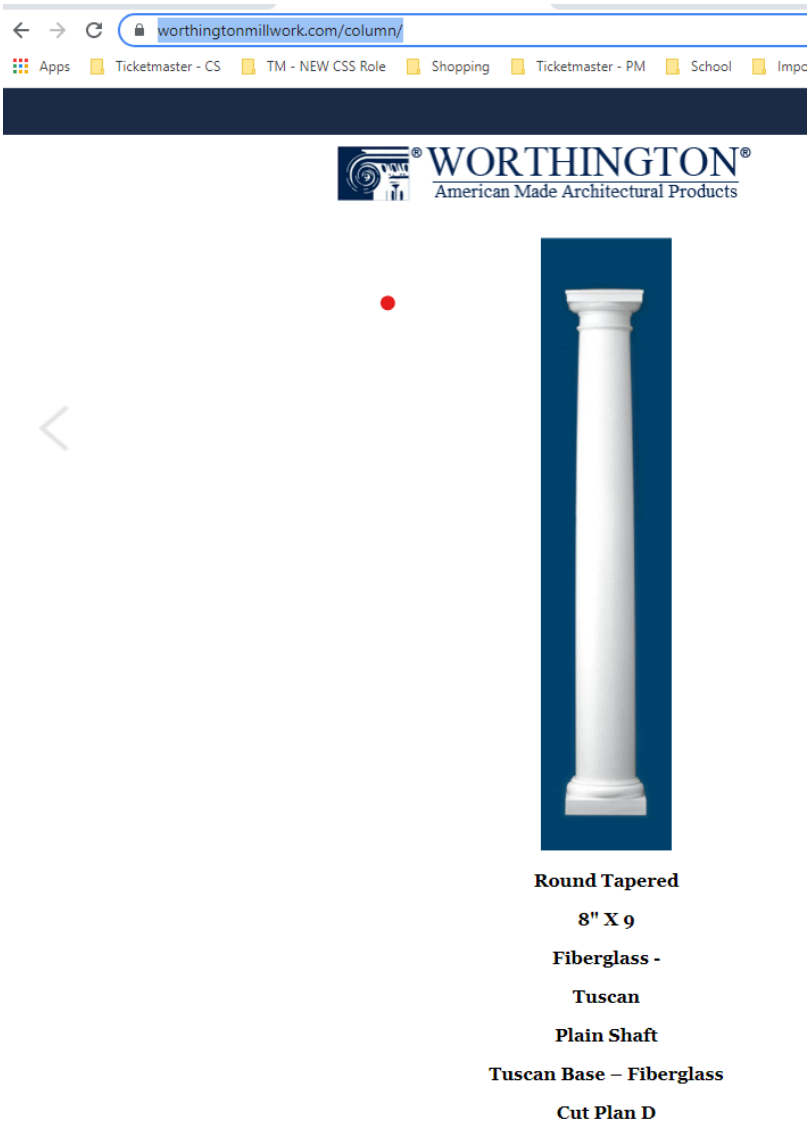
Audra,

Here is the link to the columns - we are asking the board for approval for fiberglass columns. The ones we chose match what original was used on the porch when the house was built.

https://www.worthingtonmillwork.com/column/



On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 1:45 PM Audra Dye <dyea@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your prompt reply, Nick. Waiting on the paint colors is fine. I recommend submitting your column selection (are you looking at wood and/or fiberglass?) by end of day Thursday so the catalog cuts can be uploaded to your application page in time for the Commission's review that weekend.

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From: Nick Assenmacher <nick.assenmacher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 12:36 PM
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Audra,

Thanks you for getting back to me with the amount of details that you are looking for:

Porch Columns:
We are going to have to go up before the historic commission for the columns. We are going to get as close as possible to what the historic columns looked line but we are not going to have new columns turned. There is not a place in the state of MI that is doing that, I have attached pics of that original wood column. I have also put them in a google doc - which I will give you access.

Skirting:
We are going to have to go up before the board about the skirting. The porch was taken out from a car accident in the early 90's and not properly fixed so the porch piers are not going to match if exposed.

Painting:

We have not picked out paint colors yet. In the past year we have removed all the fake brick from the house, restored the original wood lap siding and replaced the rotten parts. We will submit our paint colors in a month or two for the commission's approval.

Thanks,

Nick

On Thu, Jan 27, 2022 at 6:09 PM Audra Dye <dyea@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Assenmacher.

I reviewed your submission and I'd like to start by saying the recently revised drawings, narrative and photos are informative and shows a nice refinement of your proposal that is more in-keeping with the architectural style of your house. Based on the current design, this project is very close to obtaining a staff approval. It will remain on the agenda until a staff approval is granted, however.

Final clarification is needed on the columns, I've offered feedback on the porch skirting, and there is confirmation needed on the final paint color(s). The information I am requesting related to the pilasters, columns and paint colors, would hold true to a staff or Commission review. The city needs to have written confirmation on how the new wood columns will work with the historic pilasters being reinstalled.

Columns/Pilasters

Please submit dimensions of the original pilasters that were removed from the house – this includes the circumference (which I believe you state in the drawings as 8") and height of the shaft, and dimensions of the capital and base components (height/thickness of each detail and distances between them). You don't need to create another drawing, you can use a picture of the columns and note measurements on the photo.

Catalog cuts of the new columns are needed which show the design and state the material, finish, and all component dimensions.

Porch skirting

I don't believe the portion of the old skirting that remained to the left of the stairs was a character-defining feature due to the manner in which it was designed as well as its

installation method (which to me, demonstrates it was not original to the house). I believe the currently proposed diamond vent pattern and use of 1" x 4" cedar boards is appropriate.

However the broader design of the skirting wrapping the entire area isn't in keeping with the historic and architectural character of the house. Historically, porch piers were visible in some way, whether by being left exposed or being faced with vertical boards to give evidence of the piers while offering a more finished appearance. The skirting was then framed out for each expansive opening and placed between the piers with a very slight setback. I've included a visual here to better explain this scenario.

The elevations would need to be modified, but very little of the drawings (only the corners and around the centrally-placed piers on the south and east elevations) would need to be redrawn to show this revision.

If you want to keep the current skirting proposal that is fine, but it would need to go before the Commission.

Exterior Finish

Last but not least, I don't recall seeing a paint color/finish for each porch component (including decking) listed on the drawings. That needs to be included on the drawings as

well.

Please keep me posted on your progress. If you submit the above details by noon on Monday, January 31, I can reply back to you within 24 hours with an update on the project's review, and possible staff approval.

Also, don't hesitate to contact me with questions of your own.

Thank you!

Regards,
Audra

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