Detroit Historic District Commission

Planning and Development Department

RE: 19208 Parkside Street

To Whom It May Concern:

The original 1950 roof consisted of cedar wood shake shingles (inclined surfaces) and galvanized steel panels (small, inclined surfaces and all flat surfaces).

Over the years, two (2) layers of asphalt shingles were installed over the wood shake shingles (totaling 3 layers).

Over the years, modified bitumen torch-down panels were installed over the galvanized steel panels.

On 06/03/2020, the large (200 year old) tree in the front yard fell during a wind storm.

The fallen tree damaged the roof, and other parts of the house, to the extent that the insurance company authorized total replacement of the roof (pro-rated).

Two (2) residential neighbors, recently, replaced their asphalt roofs with steel roofs.

One (1) residential neighbor (whose home also was built in the early 1950's) has an original copper roof, which is still sound and functional today.

The current Municipal (Detroit) ordinance prohibits the installation of more than two (2) layers of shingles on a residential roof.

The rustic, aluminum, roof closely resembles the original cedar wood shake roof.

I am excited to have this work done to protect our historic home forever.

Sincerely,