

From: [Bethany Howard](#)
To: [Audra Dye](#)
Subject: Re: 686 Selden - City Murals Project - Detroit Historic District Commission Application
Date: Monday, July 31, 2023 1:17:24 PM
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Hi Audra,

For your information: The artist (Ivan Montoya) will be attending the hearing on 8/9, as well!

Here are the responses below - -

Does the City Walls program inspect the condition of the wall(s) before accepting the building for a mural, making sure there is no existing water damage, missing/cracked brick and/or mortar?

- Yes, I assess the walls. 686 Selden did not appear to have water damage and there was no missing or cracked brick and mortar @ eye level. The 4 building pillars were in an ideal condition for the artist, who also assessed the wall. The artist used a lift which helped him get to the higher heights while painting the mural, and he didn't report back with any issues concerning the condition of the walls above eye level.

Is there a certain type of paint that must be used for exterior artwork, or is it at the discretion of the artist? If there isn't a required paint, please let us know what was used at 686 Selden.

- The supplies and equipment are at the discretion of the artist. In 686 Selden's instance, the artist used the following:
 - [Benjamin Moore Ultra Spec Masonry Int/Ext 100% Acrylic Sealer primer 608](#)
 - [Benjamin Moore Ultra Spec Masonry Elastomeric Waterproof Coating Flat \(359](#)
 - [Element Guard® Exterior Paint - Flat Flat \(763\)](#)

If you need any other information, let me know.

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From: Audra Dye <dyea@detroitmi.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 3:48 PM

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Subject: 686 Selden - City Murals Project - Detroit Historic District Commission Application

Good afternoon, Bethany.

I reviewed the application for the murals completed at 686 Selden, and I have a few questions for you.

- Does the City Walls program inspect the condition of the wall(s) before accepting the building for a mural, making sure there is no existing water damage, missing/cracked brick and/or mortar?
- Is there a certain type of paint that must be used for exterior artwork, or is it at the discretion of the artist? If there isn't a required paint, please let us know what was used at 686 Selden.

I would appreciate receiving your reply by end of day, Monday, July 31st. Thanks so much!

Regards,

Audra

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