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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 2905 Garland - Removal of the garage's concrete foundation
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 10:55:18 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

All,

See below the narrative. Please advise if any questions.

The concrete pad that supported the former garage was removed by the homeowner to enable critical plumbing repair work. Homeowner was unaware of the need to contact the HDC for this repair. This removal was out of the scope of the contractor and applicant.

The concrete pad was severely damaged, sinking into the ground and the former floor drain had lead directly into the main waste line. The floor drain had resulted in a major blockage of the main waste line from the home. Per the attached photos, the original brick footings remain which will enable a future proposal to recreate the original garage dimensions. Crushed concrete was placed temporarily while future construction plans are developed.

It is the long term intent of the Ossian Sweet House Foundation to rebuild a historically appropriate replica of the original garage. Rebuilding the garage is outside the scope of the current project. A separate request will be made to replace the pad with a new concrete pad capable of supporting a garage at some point in the future.

On Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 6:25 PM Alexander Grabowski <alexanderjgrabowski@gmail.com> wrote:

Audra,

I can get with Daniel and write up a narrative for the commission. Thank you!

On Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 5:03 PM Audra Dye <dyea@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Baxter.

I noticed during my recent site visit that the concrete pad in the rear yard, that had supported the garage, has been removed. This was not reviewed/approved by the HDC.

Good afternoon, Mr. Baxter.

My name is Audra Dye, and I am the Historic District Commission staff person who reviews the rehabilitation projects at the Ossian Sweet House. In October, Alex Grabowski submitted an application for the November 8th Commission meeting for a proposed railing and stair design for the rear two-story porch. During my site visit last week, I noticed that the concrete foundation for the garage had been removed. As you may recall, all exterior work at a local historic district requires review and approval by the Commission. Even though the work has occurred, the scope of work can be added to the application scheduled for next week's meeting. If you would like to do this, please email me a narrative stating the reason for the garage foundation's removal, as well as an

explanation on whether the gravel is the permanent replacement material or if something else is planned for this area. Please submit this information as soon as possible so that I can revise the staff report prior to Wednesday's meeting. Thank you.

Regards,

Audra Dye

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