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Project Name: Brewster Wheeler Recreation Center

Architect Project #: 1356-23

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RE: Historic District Commission

To the Historic District Commission:

This letter is in response to a request for more information on the double doors at the 1917 Library Entry. Sheet A2.01 proposes replacement (type F) & frame (type 6) with a historic replica wood door and frame to achieve a historically accurate and aesthetically consistent facade.

Historic Condition:



1924 Photo: <https://digitalcollections.detroitpubliclibrary.org/islandora/object/islandora%3A261136>



1915 photo: <https://digitalcollections.detroitpubliclibrary.org/island>



1916 Photo: <https://digitalcollections.detroitpubliclibrary.org/islandora/object/islandora%3A215048>



1950's Aerial: Rec Center in the upper Right showing no canopy:
<https://wayne.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/vmc/id/19670>

Existing Condition:



Existing Condition Photo 1: Original height of door & frame were lowered as a result of the existing canopy. A new door was also added in the existing frame to fit this reduced height.



Existing Condition Photo 2: The existing door & frame were infilled in the original frame. The existing door has significant material loss through aging & weathering. With the removal of the canopy, the existing door in this photo (or a replica of this door) will not achieve a historically accurate façade.



Existing Condition Photo 3: The canopy was added & decreased the height of the original entry.



Existing Condition Photo 4: The canopy was added & decreased the height of the original entry.



Existing Condition Photo 5: The canopy was added & decreased the height of the original entry. When the canopy was added, this metal flashing was also added. CDS proposes the added canopy, added door and added metal flashing be removed.



Existing Condition Photo 6: The canopy was added & decreased the height of the original entry. When the canopy was added, this metal flashing was also added. CDS proposes the added canopy, added door and added metal flashing be removed.



Existing Condition Photo 7: The canopy was added & decreased the height of the original entry. When the canopy was added, this metal flashing was also added. CDS proposes the added canopy, added door and added metal flashing be removed.



Existing Condition Photo 8: The canopy was added & decreased the height of the original entry. When the canopy was added, this metal flashing was also added. CDS proposes the added canopy, added door and added metal flashing be removed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle D. Osterhart, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
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