

From: [Nat Zorach](#)
To: [Audra Dye](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 372 W. Grand Boulevard - HDC Window Guidelines
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Yeah, so, the section, "[w]here the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials" is where I'm getting hung up, because we already replaced a bunch of windows, got approval to do it, and most of these are in substantially worse shape (see below).

That said, if you all have any recommendations for potential contractors, I'm certainly all ears. I have already had three companies refuse to even give me a quote because they either think it can't be done based on the pictures I've sent them, or because they say it's not worth their time. One that quoted us before years ago is no longer in business (and they definitely thought restoration would be a stretch to begin with). We took off one sash the other day to investigate further, for example, and the entire bottom rail is separating from the stile and splintering from dry rot. 9/10 people I've showed this picture to think the idea of trying to restore this is absolutely nutty, let alone the requirement to do so by a city agency when presented with the alternative of replacing it with something that looks identical, while the remaining 1/10 is presumably not on a nonprofit salary as I am.

So, I'll certainly try and make my case, but I'm really just kinda stumped here, especially as we can't even get quotes to do the work.

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On Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 9:45 AM Audra Dye <dyea@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I received your email yesterday. I've attached the Commission's adopted historic wood window standards. But as stated in my cover email from Friday, the Commission may or may not accept staff's recommendation, and you have the opportunity to talk directly with the Commission prior to any decision being made.

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