



[EXTERNAL] Re: 4000 Cortland--Application for June 11 Historic District Commission Meeting, Staff Report and Agenda

From Anthony King <aak1010@aol.com>

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To Ellen Thackery <ellen.thackery@detroitmi.gov>

Hello

To reply to some of your concerns. When items need to be repaired, they need to be removed from a structure, find a place to repair them before they can be replaced.

The decorative gutter pieces are in need of repair which they are currently so although they have been removed and not placed into position, they are being repaired.

The 'shutters' were infested with lead paint which need a machine that reaches 700 degrees to sort that problem. They are being sandblasted and will be coated and replaced.

The back upper porch railing: It to had to be removed to fix the torn gaps in the roof which caused leaking into the space below. It to is being sandblasted and power coated and will be placed into position when it is finished.

The front door is a massive work in progress as finding material and style has proven very difficult. Of course, your recommendation for such are welcomed.

The other thing I am not going to comment about because this process is so subjective to what the commissions will find 'appropriate'. I've been to a meeting in the past and was disappointed how some 'larger' projects blessed with the commissions approval for its 'historic' appeal when I thought it was anything but. It appeared that the big companies faired better then most of the homeowners present.

I too will be adding my name to the list or petition to decommission the area from Historic. Although I think an advisor committee is necessary for integrity of the character of this amazing beautiful community, I find the Historic guidelines are terrible outdated for the times and at a cost that most can not obtain. Many of these resistants in the area are on fixed incomes and many do not have 6 six or larger to provided the required processes governed by this committee.

I will be working during the meeting and will not be able to attend. I am sure you will provide a report as well.

Regards,
Anthony King

On Monday, June 9, 2025 at 09:30:45 PM EDT, Ellen Thackery <ellen.thackery@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

Dear applicant,

Here attached is the report outlining staff response and recommendations to the Historic District Commission regarding your application for work at 4000 Cortland, to be heard by the Commission at the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 11. Note that the Commission is not required to follow staff recommendations, and you should be prepared to make your case to the Commission as to why your project should be approved as submitted.

This meeting will be held at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center but can be attended by applicants via Zoom. The zoom link is listed on the attached agenda. For those joining by Zoom, please enter your full name when asked at sign-in -- this will allow HDC staff to identify the individuals who need to be "promoted" to the webinar panel at the appropriate time. If attending in person, please use the east entrance to the building, that faces Randolph Street; the other entrances are closed after 5 pm.

Please take this opportunity to carefully review the staff report and alert me immediately to any omissions or errors of fact you detect. Should you wish to add additional information to your submission, or clarify any matters, you are welcome to do so prior to the meeting, and the staff report will be updated, as necessary. Staff and applicants will also have the opportunity to clarify/discuss matters during your Commission review. Please note that the rear porch work noted in the report can be added to this review, and please respond to this email Tuesday to let me know how you wish to proceed on that item.

You should also confirm that all your submitted materials have been made available for Commission review at the website below (click on your property address):

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Historic District Commission 4:30 PM. This is a Regular Meeting of the Detroit Historic District Commission.. Meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Erma Henderson Auditorium (13th Floor), beginning at 4:30pm, in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center at 2 Woodward Avenue. Room location and time should be confirmed by referral to the draft agenda, which becomes ...

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Thank you.

Ellen Thackery

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