
[EXTERNAL] RE: City of Detroit DOCKET NOTICE: 949 Chicago HDC2025-00639

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 5 attachments (5 MB)

1. Existing Condition.pdf; 6. door info.pdf; 7. window info.pdf; HDC approval & staff report per garage @ 949 Chicago Blvd - BSEED copy.pdf; Interior sunroom.pdf;

Hello Lise,

Upon reviewing the previously issued **HDC approval (DHDC-23-8476)** for the garage rebuild, we noticed that several of your current questions regarding the main house are already addressed within that approval document. For convenience, additional relevant references are highlighted in **red** below.

Specifically, please refer to the **“House” section on page 4** of DHDC-23-8476. This section outlines that the **garage and main house are intended to mirror each other** in material composition and appearance — including **stucco and Hardie Plank cladding, Lincoln aluminum-clad wood windows, color palette, and roofing materials**.

These design and material selections were intentionally planned to ensure **architectural harmony** between the structures and to maintain **consistency with the original historic character** of the property. The approval documentation also references the existing **deferred maintenance conditions** and identifies the **proposed material and construction solutions** that form the basis of the current restoration effort.

In summary, the information provided in the prior approval remains applicable and serves as a guiding framework for the ongoing restoration of the main house. We believe this continuity supports both the preservation goals of the district and the intent of the original design.

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From: Lise Saint James <Lise.SaintJames@detroitmi.gov>
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Subject: City of Detroit DOCKET NOTICE: 949 Chicago HDC2025-00639
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Your application is scheduled to be heard at the City of Detroit's Historic District Commission (HDC) meeting on **November 12th at 4:30PM**.

This meeting will be held in-person at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center but can be attended by applicants online, via Zoom. We recommend that applicants attend in person if possible. After 5:00PM, the only entrance to the building is via the Randolph Street entrance. Please respond to this email letting us know what members of your applicant team expect to join via Zoom, so they can be identified by our staff for "promotion" to the webinar panel at the appropriate time.

Historic District Commission Meeting Details:

Wednesday, November 12th at 4:30PM

(In person) - Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48226
Erma Henderson Auditorium, 13th floor

(Via Zoom) - Meeting Link: <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/532007617>

By Phone: 312-626-6799 (Meeting ID # 532007617)

Going forward with your application, **I will be your primary Historic District Commission (HDC) staff contact for this specific application. Also, I will need you to clarify some specific details and/or to supply additional information by next Wednesday:**

- Photos of the existing conditions (your application only provided prior conditions previous to the demolition) **(See attached file "1. Existing Condition")**
- Dimensioned site plan of proposal **(See page 3 of HDC Approved Staff Report DHDC 23-8476)**
- Paint/finish colors for: **(See page 4 of HDC Approved Staff Report DHDC 23-8476)**
 - Stucco
 - Hardie siding
- Product information with the design (K-style, half round, etc) and colorway of the proposed gutters and downspouts **(See page 2 of HDC Approved Staff Report DHDC 23-8476)**
- Product information with the specific line, design, and colorway of the proposed roofing **(See page 3 of HDC Approved Staff Report DHDC 23-8476)**
- Product information with the specific line, design, and colorway of the proposed door **(See attached file "6. Door info")**
- Window schedule, which includes... **(See attached file "7. window info" & page 2 of HDC Approved Staff Report DHDC 23-8476)**
 - New windows design, material, operation, lite configuration, dimensions, and color with visuals

The staff report is typically available the Monday prior to the meeting and will contain a staff *recommendation* to the Commission. It will be posted to the [HDC website](#) (click on the appropriate meeting date to be brought to the page) along with all submitted documents and photographs. I will notify you by email when the staff report is available. It is imperative you read the staff report completely prior to the meeting.

Email me should you have any questions or concerns about this specific application.

Cheers,

Lise Saint James (PRONOUNCED "LEASE") (SHE/HER)

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