



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST

City of Detroit - Planning & Development Department
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Application Number: HDC2026-00252

APPLICANT & PROPERTY INFORMATION

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PROJECT ADDRESS: 4254 Tyler St.			
HISTORIC DISTRICT: Russell Woods-Sullivan			

REQUESTED INFORMATION

We have received your application, but it is not yet complete for review. Please provide additional details based on the comments and questions listed below. Should you need to attach additional files per this request, use the paperclip icons at the end of this form. You may attach up to (5) files per icon up to 25MB:

This application is not yet complete. Please provide the following:

WINDOWS

- Written description of how the existing historic wood windows are to be restored
- Numbered window schedule for the new windows, which includes...
 - Visual depiction to show the proportions, material, color, operation, lite configuration type and dimensions, and dimensions of each proposed new window (this is often provided with window orders, quotes, etc.)
- Photos of the exterior elevations of the house (we need to see the whole sides, not close up photos, please) with labels to coordinate with the numbered window schedule
- Interior photos of each of the existing historic windows proposed to be replaced (we need to see the whole window, with proper lighting) with labels to coordinate with the numbered window schedule
- Clarify if the window's frames, trim, sills, lintels, mullions, and/or brick mould will be kept in place, removed, or covered, and how

DOOR

- Product information with the specific line, design, and colorway of the proposed door(s) and photo of location of where it will be installed (screenshot of product information is OK, but website links are not)

SIDING

- Narrative explaining what is wrong with the existing siding, if a repair or restoration assessment/estimate was obtained (and if not, why not), and why the decision was made to install vinyl siding.

Please note that vinyl siding is not typically approved material. We would like to see physical evidence that the shingles cannot be repaired rather than replaced.

FRONT PORCH

- If you're using new/replacement brick, we would need:
 - Product information identifying the proposed replacement brick and colorway(s)
 - Photos of sample new brick next to historic brick to see color comparison

- What type of mortar will be used? Please note: a softer, more breathable mortar like lime-based mix is crucial for older, softer bricks as it allows for flexibility and moisture movement, preventing damage caused by rigid, modern cement mortars.
- Are you changing the dimensions and/or footprint of the porch?

FENCE

- A site plan with dimensions
- Product information with the specific material, design, colorway, and finish of the proposed new fence (screenshot of product information is OK, but website links are not)

ROOF

- Product information with the specific line, design, and colorway of the proposed roof material and other items (screenshot of product information is OK, but website links are not)
- Product information with the design (K-style, half round, etc) and colorway of the proposed gutters and downspouts
- Will the downspouts be in the same existing locations? If not, please provide elevation photos and mark up of where the downspouts will be located

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APPLICANT RESPONSE

Response Date: 05/14/2026



Attached google link, files are too big, please reach out if we are missing anything, thank you!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XeyFIKAuVMcoyss5tHaDnaC97Bd_8EHibf3xD2jn77w/edit?usp=sharing

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The existing historic wood windows at the property are currently in deteriorated condition due to prolonged exposure, deferred maintenance, and water intrusion. Several windows show signs of rot, damaged glazing, broken panes, failing sash components, and deterioration of surrounding trim and framing materials. Some openings are no longer weather-tight and are contributing to additional moisture intrusion into the structure. All are covered with plexi-glass.

New vinyl windows with grid will be installed in the front side of the house, and single hung windows in the rear and back of the house where needed within the existing openings without altering the original architectural rhythm of the façade. Singular window in the rear right of the house will be restored.

The project proposes maintaining the existing window locations and preserving surrounding architectural details wherever possible, including existing trim and masonry openings. Any damaged sill or framing components requiring replacement will be repaired. Wooden shutters will also be added to match the current/missing ones.

CURRENT:



WINDOWS:

26*52 (2) 24*42 (1)

30*54 (11) 28*38 (2)

32*60 (2) 32*60 (1)



ID #	Proposed Location	Quantity	Dimensions (W×H)
W01	Front	1	32" by 60"
W02	Front / Sides	11	30 y 54"
W03	Rear	2	26" by 52"
W04	Side / Rear	1	24" by 42"
W05	Rear	2	28" by 38"
W06	Rear	3*	32" by 60"

PROPOSED:

REAR/BACK WINDOWS

FRONT WINDOWS



30 in. x 54 in. 50 Series White Single Hung Low-E Argon Glass Vinyl Replacement Window, Screen Incl

by American Craftsman >
★★★★★ (275)

Mundy Township Store

✓ 5 in stock Aisle 30, Bay 005

- Designed for easy window replacement
- Sleek and modern exterior frame enhances curb appeal
- Made of easy care, premium vinyl

Width (in.) x Height (in.): 29.75 x 53.5

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29.75 in. x 52.75 in. 70 Series White Double Hung Low-E Argon Glass Vinyl Fin with J Window with Grids, Screen Incl

by American Craftsman >

★★★★★ (328)

- Designed for installation into new openings
- Wide profile with a brickmould design has a traditional flair
- Made of easy care, premium vinyl

Width (in.) x Height (in.): 29.75 x 52.75

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SOURCED: HOME DEPOT

SINGLE WINDOW:
(restore)



With new windows

DOOR • Product information with the specific line, design, and colorway of the proposed door(s) and photo of location of where it will be installed (screenshot of product information is OK, but website links are not)

The existing exterior doors are currently missing, damaged and no longer functioning properly due to age, deterioration, and structural wear. Replacement doors are proposed to improve security, energy efficiency, and functionality while maintaining a design appropriate to the historic character of the home.

The proposed doors will be similar in scale and appearance to traditional historic residential doors and will be installed within the existing openings without altering the architectural character of the structure.

Product information and photographs of the proposed door style and installation locations are included with this submission.

CURRENT: (front)



(basement door)



(36*80)

PROPOSED:

Source: home depot



36 in. x 80 in. Universal/Reversible Premium 6-Panel Primed Steel Front Door Slab

by Masonite >

★★★★★ (303)

Detroit 7 Mile/Meyers Store

✓ 5 in stock Aisle 21, Bay 007

- Reversible handing facilitates flexible installation
 - Sturdy steel construction ensures durability
 - Paintable and primed for customized use
- Common Door Size (WxH) in.: 36 x 80

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To address the requirements regarding the siding of the property, we have pivoted from a replacement strategy to a comprehensive restoration and preservation approach. This plan prioritizes maintaining the historical and structural integrity of the existing shingles while ensuring modern safety and aesthetic standards are met. The current siding exhibits surface-level degradation typical of long-term exposure, including peeling paint layers and minor weathering. After a thorough inspection, it has been determined that the underlying wood shingles remain structurally sound and do not suffer from widespread rot or irreversible warping.

Restoration Decision: By choosing restoration over replacement, we preserve the original "shadow lines" and textures that define the building's exterior, which would be lost under a vinyl application.

Proposed Scope of Work: Remediation & Refinishing

The restoration will follow a strict protocol to ensure the safety of the residents and the longevity of the finish.

Lead Abatement and Surface Preparation:

The siding will be sanded down using HEPA-filtered vacuum sanding systems to safely remove existing paint layers with the use of "Lead-Safe Work Practices.

This process is designed to strip the material back to a clean, workable surface while strictly containing all lead dust and debris in accordance with safety regulations.

Priming and Sealing:

Once sanded, any small cracks or minor imperfections in the shingles will be filled with a wood-grade epoxy. A high-bonding, moisture-resistant primer will be applied to seal the wood and provide a stable base for the topcoat.

Final Aesthetic:

The siding will be repainted using the Color System E.

The selected shade is A:1 Yellowish Gray, a neutral tone that complements the architectural style while providing a refreshed, clean appearance.

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Porch Restoration & Masonry Plan

Footprint & Dimensions: The front porch will maintain its exact original dimensions and architectural footprint; no changes to the scale or layout are proposed.

Concrete Surface: The porch floor is being redone to correct a safety issue where the current cement caves inward, causing improper drainage and structural instability, and water to enter the home.

Stair Replacement: The existing stairs are being completely rebuilt as they are currently falling and detached, presenting a significant hazard.

Removing metal rails, and replacing with wood columns due to the worn metal rails as these were non-original additions and their removal restores the home's historic profile.

Masonry Reclamation: To ensure a perfect historic match, the side of the porch will be rebuilt using reclaimed brick from the same house. This preserves the original texture, weathering, and colorway of the property.

Mortar Specifications: A lime-based, breathable mortar mix will be used to bond the reclaimed bricks matching the original color. This ensures the softer historic bricks do not crack or spall, as modern rigid cement would trap moisture inside them.

CURRENT:



PROPOSED:

