

Public comment received for
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Dear Members of the Architectural Committee and Commission,

I am writing to the Committee and Historical Commission regarding this demolition application as there are many claims made against me personally in this application which are simply not true. To the best of my memory I neither met or knew of the current applicant. I did my best to guide the applicant's mother and architect to a design that would find approval with the Committee and Commission. I neither approved a design nor threatened the applicant in any way. I never locked myself in a bathroom, in fact I met with the applicant's representatives many times. Because the proposed work, even after our meetings, still involved high levels of demolition, particularly in the roof area, the application was sent to the Committee and Commission for review where it received multiple denials. I never told the applicants that their design would be approved, in fact I encouraged them to propose a design with less demolition.

Regarding the conditions at the building, it should be noted that a lot of interior demolition was undertaken, including removal of floor and plaster. The interior brick walls are always soft brick and never meant to be exposed. The exterior brick seems to be similar to that of most rowhouses in the Wash West district from 1830 period.

I think, it would be important to include the minutes of the former meetings of the Committee and Commission regarding this property, because they include a lot of discussion of condition, particularly by members with a lot of engineering expertise.

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Dear Committee and Commission members,

If it is determined that the building cannot be saved for structural or financial reasons, perhaps the facade could be reconstructed using salvaged material. The proposed new facade is very much like the existing. Perhaps a measured drawing could be made. Between the face brick from the front and the sides, it may be feasible to reconstruct the brick facade in front of a cinder block backup wall.

The applicant might also consider that a total demolition might not guarantee the ability to get zoning for 100% lot coverage with parking. Partial retention might preserve that zoning envelope. That is of course a question for L&I.

Randal Baron