



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
Historic District Commission
February 17, 2010

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Plans for: 146 North Main Street
Owner: James Cousens

The Clarkston Historic District Commission has rejected your application for a Certificate of Approval for Proposal 2, removing windows from the front porch.

This decision is based on The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, #4, "Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved."

The applicant has not included any documentation or photos to indicate that the porch was originally built without windows.

The members attending this meeting feel that the porch windows have been in the house for at least sixty years, or seventy years as indicated by the applicant on his proposal #2, or possibly even eighty years if they had been installed in the 1930s.

The windows have been in the house long enough to be historically significant, based on the information supplied by the applicant in regards to Dr. Raymond Miller using the porch as a waiting room for his patients. This information is also found on the Clarkston Village Historical website in the section that gives history of each house on the Walking Tour.

The repair or rebuilding of the headers above the stone porch 'railings' will not be necessary since windows will not be removed.

An applicant aggrieved by a decision of a commission concerning a permit application may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Review Board of the Michigan Historical Commission within the Department of State. The appeal shall be filed within 60 days after the decision is furnished to the applicant. The appellant may submit all or part of the appellant's evidence and arguments in written form. The review board shall consider an appeal at its first regularly scheduled meeting after receiving the appeal, but may not charge a fee for considering an appeal. The review board may affirm, modify, or set aside a commission's decision and may order a commission to issue a certificate of appropriateness or a notice to proceed. A permit applicant aggrieved by the decision of the State Historic Preservation Review Board may appeal the decision to the circuit court having jurisdiction over the Historic District Commission whose decision was appealed to the State Historic Preservation Review Board.

Charlotte Cooper, Chairperson