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Hello Tim,

I continue to help the Wiggert family with their buildings regularly and requested Brent and Steigers involvement with this deck project as the contractor.

I see the recommendation to approve with railing modifications and there is no concern from the Wiggerts to make a change to the railing design. As you pointed out there also really is no preferred design standard either for decks or railings. It also appears you may have suggested that to Brent however that was not clearly conveyed back to the Wiggerts or Myself. The Wiggerts have spent many many dollars on their downtown buildings trying to improve appearances and a railing redesign is far from a major concern.

To add a little context to this proposal / permit application process. Brent spent 30+ days going in circles with the Inspection department on this deck application with them continually having a new reason it wasn't allowed in which none were true, but it seems someone has his own way to read the fire district ordinance other than the way it is written. After inspection had no more reasons to deny it Brent was then told ohh and by the way it has to go to HPC and that meeting was last night meaning another 30-day delay. So, by the time this made it to your desk Brent may have been worn out with new suggestions such as your railing ideas.

I can also say Brent and myself looked at several downtown decks at the start of this process and there are several with all wood railing and no metal involved. I am not sure why the HPC agenda seems to indicate those types of decks and railing do not exist in the downtown. The agenda clearly states, "All of them have a mix of visible wood and ornamental metal". I have attached several pictures for reference and would appreciate if we could send them out to the commission's membership with some clarification to the agenda's "findings" as those findings seem inaccurate when reviewing the attached pictures.

Picture 6040 is behind 531 Main St and has an all-wood railing

Picture 6038 is Phil Addis past residence and does have some steel spindles, but they are not really ornamental

Picture 6036 is part of Bell Square and has an all-wood railing on the predominant side directly on the city sidewalk

Picture 6035 is behind Noelke's store on Main St and is all wood. Railing, framing, steps, everything is wood.

Picture 6033 faces the State Bank lot from 425 Main St when James remodeled that property.

Picture 6037 may or may not be relevant but is from a building across La Crosse Street from city hall

While We are willing to alter the railing design, I'm just asking for this application to be fairly represented as there are several clear examples of all wood railing designs in downtown which originally led us to feel it must have been an ok option. Please just steer us in a preferred design style.

Thank you for your time on this project Tim.
Kevin Kellogg

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