

June 19, 2006

Mr. Richard M. Taubman
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Re: 920 South Boulevard, Rochester Hills, MI

Dear Mr. Taubman:

At your request, I met with Brett Partica from L. Mason Capitani and Joe Karr, a representative of the Owner, at the subject home located at the above referenced address. I walked the grounds and toured both the barn and the house in order to respond to your request for an opinion about the historic significance of the house and the barn in particular. Since you did not authorize me to research the history of the site, I am unable to address whether there was ever any historically significant activity on this site.

In looking at the barn, it was my conclusion that the building is structurally unstable. The structural system lacks integrity and is clearly under-designed. A recent addition to the north appears to have been built in approximately the 1950's. The barn does not demonstrate any historic architectural qualities to justify its preservation.

The two story house, which burned down in 1920, was reconstructed shortly thereafter. Over the years, there have been two additions built at later dates. The west room addition and the east porch addition are not true to the original architecture of the home, which appears to be representative of typical residential construction of the 1920's. Interior features reflect even less continuity. Examples are as follows:

- 1) Original 1920's home is void of any significant interior details.
- 2) One room includes fake wood beams which are reminiscent of the 1960's.
- 3) The cove plaster ceiling in the west addition is out of character with the interior trim details of the original house.
- 4) The kitchen had been renovated, years after the house was reconstructed.

Exterior inconsistencies include the following:

- 1) The east room construction does not match that of the original house
- 2) The north porch appears to have been an add-on.

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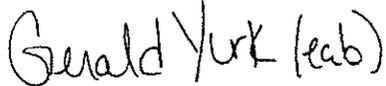
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- 3) The east porch has one over one double hung windows and a brick veneer base that is out of character with the original house.
- 4) Although the original house has some interesting features including four over one double-hung windows and beveled wood siding that has been covered up with asbestos siding, the house is not a specimen historic structure that is worthy of saving as to contribute to the interpretative value of the community.

I trust this review of the property will provide the information you seek. If there are questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Gerald. J. Yurk, AIA

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