PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION



Project Address: 319 State Street

Application Type: Façade Grant – Final Approval is Requested

Legistar File ID # 70521

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Background Information

Applicant | Contact: Stacey Scannell, Owner, The Soap Opera

Project Description: The applicant is seeking Final Approval for a façade improvement grant. The scope of the work includes the replacement of two storefront doors.

Project Schedule:

• The applicant will be required to submit a minor alteration request. Staff understands that the applicant intends to proceed with installation as soon as all reviews are complete.

Approval Standards: The Urban Design Commission is advisory on this request. On October 3, 2000, the Common Council adopted Resolution No. 61179, approving the Objectives and Criteria for the Façade Improvement Grant Program. The resolution specifies that all Façade Improvement proposals be referred to the Urban Design Commission for comments and recommendations. The funding resolution will ultimately be a decision of the Common Council.

Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

This request has been reviewed by the City's Façade Grant Team, who has recommended approval noting that the proposal is believed to meet the goals of that program. Please see the report of that staff team for further information.

Staff recommends that the UDC review the proposed modifications and provide their findings and recommendations to the Common Council.