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Re: 409 East Main Street Proposed Renovation

Dear Members of the Landmarks Commission.

Following a review for Hawks Quindel, LLC, of the interior and visible exterior details of the building at 409 East Main, the Bartels Grocery building, I determined that the second floor bays had been retained, though the roof overhangs cut off and panels or wide siding covered remaining materials so a full view isn't possible.

The only photo found in spite of an extensive search, a 1948 photo, shows that the building's original front pediment and cornice had been removed by that time, so there is no historical information available for that. The cast iron store window glazing was possibly removed in the 1950s and the masonry partly rebuilt.

The proposed storefront is a possible interpretation of a 1904-vintage storefront.

I recommend some flexibility to allow new information based on original materials, 'ghost' outlines of moldings and installations to serve as evidence to support changes to details of proposed installations including store window and bay window details.

I provide a historical summary of the building as follows.

409 East Main Street Historical Summary

The building that has been occupied by The Progressive Magazine since the early 1980s, originally was built for the Fred and Minnie Bartels Grocery (1903-1914). It was built on land previously owned by Dexter Curtis, a side yard with a kitchen wing (long removed) for the Curtis residence that still stands at 407 East Main, and likely an office for the Dexter Curtis Collar Pad Factory adjoining it.

The building housed the Fred Hatfield Grocery (1914-1922), followed by the Evan Hughes Grocery from 1922 to 1939.

The Hobby Shop for wood crafts and the Soil Services Corp., a landscape company that were both owned by A. Russell Sanders and occupied the building until the 1960s. The Hobby Shop was a source for patterns and materials for model boats, ships and planes.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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