

Attachment 2

APPEAL: Painted Porch Bookshop Mural

For: City of Bastrop, HLC

From: Ryan Holiday, Owner of Painted Porch Bookshop

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to appeal the denial of the Painted Porch Bookshop Mural. This project was done as a community effort in collaboration with the students at the Art Institute of Austin. We had the project evaluated by a structural engineer (document attached) to ensure no alterations would be made to the building. Also, this mural is not a sign of any type, so it does not violate city rules/laws regarding signs.

Thank you,
Ryan Holiday



January 28, 2022

Re: Elastomeric Paint over Brick

Property: 910 Main Street Bastrop, TX 78602

Requested By: Mr. Braden Wood

For: City of Bastrop

To Whom It May Concern,

The question was posed to me regarding the effects the application of elastomeric paint over brick. As a Registered Licensed Building Professional as well as the recipient of the most coveted award given by the Construction Specifications Institute, I can emphatically say that a quality elastomeric paint applied to a masonry surface has absolutely no harmful effect to brick. The elastomeric paint must be applied per the manufacturer's specifications. Elastomeric paint is a coating specifically made to protect masonry surfaces. Like other paints, it is applied in liquid form, which then hardens into a flexible, watertight covering. This paint can stretch and return to its original form without causing damage if applied correctly.

One of the best reasons to use elastomeric paint is that it places a secure coating on the surface you are painting. This coating creates a barrier so that moisture is unable to penetrate the walls. This will work well on surfaces such as masonry, stucco, poured concrete, roofs, bricks, wood, and metal. Brick and mortar construction exposed to the elements of weather, i.e. rain, wind, heat and cold weather, over a period of time can lose its structural integrity due to moisture infiltration to not only to mortar but the bricks as well.

Elastomeric's were specifically designed to form a moisture resistance barrier with enhanced adhesion characteristics that maintain the ability to expand and contract with extreme temperatures. Another justification for the application of elastomeric paint to older brick surfaces known and proven to be true is its ability to seal cracks, crevices, and imperfections that may have developed over a period of time. Elastomeric paint unlike other paints, is more costly but has an extremely long lifespan. The application of a quality elastomeric to a brick-and-mortar surface does no harm to the brick-and-mortar; this application only enhances the longevity, moisture resistance and durability to the area of the wall to which it was applied.

It was my professional observation of the area to which the elastomeric paint was applied has provided a much-needed application or pointing-up to ensure many more years of survivability.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Stephenson Sr, (CPBD AIBD)
cc. File

