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Katie Pereny, Secretary  
Historic District Commission  
City of Mackinac Island  
P.O. Box 455  
Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Re: **CALLEWAERT RESIDENCE SHED**  
Design Review

Dear Ms. Pereny:

I have reviewed the materials submitted showing the proposed, and already started, construction of a new storage shed in the backyard of the Callewaert Residence, at 7742 Main Street, in the West End Historic District. The house is a Contributing building in the district.

The shed is under construction with floor, walls, and roof framed, but not fully enclosed. The size is 10 feet wide by 12 feet deep, and has a gable roof with slope similar to the house. The front gable end is symmetrical with a center door, flanked right and left with windows. It appears the side walls would have no openings, and the rear wall two windows.

The applicable design review standard is **Standard 9**, addressing related new construction, and requiring that "related new construction not destroy ... materials that characterize the property... and be compatible". The project would not destroy materials characterizing the house, and generally appears to be compatible, with the possible exception of the windows. As currently framed, the windows would be square. The primary windows on the house are tall rectangles in proportion, although historic houses often have secondary smaller windows which are square or almost square, usually on the rear or sides. Not being provided with photographs of the house, and in particular the rear of the house, it is not possible to determine the compatibility of the proposed square windows. The HDC should request a more complete application.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NEUMANN ARCHITECT

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