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Katie Pereny, Secretary
Historic District Commission
City of Mackinac Island
Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Re: **LILAC TREE HOTEL ENTRY RENOVATION**
Market and Main Historic District
Design Review

Dear Ms. Pereny:

I have reviewed the proposed entry renovation at the Lilac Tree Hotel, 7372 Main Street in the Market and Main Historic District. As a newer structure, the property is considered Non-Contributing to the historic district.

The project proposes to rebuild the westerly retail entry, which now has two double french door entrances to two separate retail spaces, to be one entry to one retail space. The Applicant proposes rebuilding the recessed vestibule entry to match the existing easterly entry, with one set of french doors flanked on east side by a display window. The doors would be full-glass type, each with fifteen lites divided by large muntins. Unlike the existing configuration, the rebuilt vestibule would result with the doors being parallel with the sidewalk. Each window would be divided into six lites.

The applicable design review standard is **Standard 9**, addressing exterior alterations, and requiring that "exterior alterations, or related new construction not destroy ... materials that characterize the property". The project would not destroy materials characterizing the building. The larger hotel building is quite symmetrical, and the proposed change would result in the ground floor elevation then being symmetrical, with matching recessed entries. And the proposed new entry arrangement, having the doors parallel with the sidewalk, would be a more traditional, and appropriate, configuration. As such, the proposed project would meet the Standards for review.

Sincerely,

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