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Katie Pereny, Secretary  
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City of Mackinac Island  
P.O. Box 455  
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Re: **BONGA TAVERN HISTORICAL MARKER ADDITION**  
Design Review

Dear Ms. Pereny:

I have reviewed the proposed Historical Marker in the park by the Tourism Bureau in the Market and Main Historic District.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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- c. Steve Brisson, Applicant, MSHP  
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## **DESIGN REVIEW**

### **BONGA TAVERN HISTORICAL MARKER ADDITION**

7276 Main Street

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Mackinac Island, Michigan

## **INTRODUCTION**

The proposed project is the installation of a State of Michigan Historical Marker in the City park at the side of the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau at 7276 Main Street, in the Market and Main Historic District. The building is a Non-contributing structure in the district. The project would add a standard two-post, two-sided, cast aluminum sign (42" by 54") commemorating the site of the Bonga Tavern, and is undertaken by Mackinac State Historic Parks.

This design review is based on City Code Sec. 10-161 "Design Review Standards and Guidelines", of Article V. "Historic District", of the City of Mackinac Island Ordinance No. 443, adopted October 21, 2009. The review standards are those of the Department of the Interior entitled "The United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation" and "Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings", as set forth in 36 CFR, part 67, as well as the factors set forth in City Code Sec. 10-161(b).

Materials submitted for Review consist of a photograph of the proposed location, sign text, and a written description of the project, dated 30 July 2024, by Steve Brisson.

## **REVIEW**

Of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, and the Standards Under Sec. 10-161(b), the applicable Standards for review are the following:

**Standard 9** - *"New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment."*

The proposed sign addition would not destroy materials that characterize the property, would be differentiated as a non-historic feature, and would be compatible with the massing, size and architectural features of the property.

### **Standards Under Code Sec. 10-161(b)**

In reviewing applications, the Commission shall also consider all of the following:

**(1)** - *"The historic or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area."*

The proposed sign commemorating a historic site would maintain the historic and architectural value of the property, and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding historic district.

**(2)** - *"The relationship of any architectural features of the resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area."*

The placement of a widely recognized commemorative state sign would be appropriate with the park site and the surrounding area.

**(3)** - *"The general compatibility of the design, arrangement, texture and materials proposed to be used."*

The proposed sign would be compatible, in terms of design, arrangement, texture and materials proposed to be used.

**(4)** - *"Other factors, such as aesthetic value, that the Commission finds relevant."*

The proposed commemorative sign would be appropriate aesthetically.

### **CONCLUSION**

The state historical marker proposed by MSHP to be placed near the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau would meet the Standards for review.

**END OF REVIEW**