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

Re: **BICYCLE STREET INN RECONFIGURED MAIN ENTRY**  
Market and Main Historic District  
Design Review

Dear Ms. Pereny:

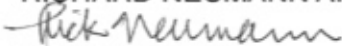
I have reviewed the renovations proposed to reconfigure the main entry at the Bicycle Street Inn, 7416 Main Street in the Market and Main Historic District. As a non-historic building, the Inn is a Non-contributing structure in the district.

The proposed work would alter the configuration of the main entry at the center of the building along the public sidewalk. Four sets of doors, two pairs and two singles with sidelites, would be replaced, and in so doing, relocated to create a symmetrical entry recess, instead of the existing asymmetrical arrangement. The new doors would match the existing ones. The transom window units above the doors would also be relocated above their respective doors below. The brick pavers in the vestibule would be removed and reused in the new configuration.

The Standards for review which are applicable to this request are: **Standard 9** - Exterior alterations shall not destroy materials that characterize the building, and shall be compatible with the architectural features of the existing resource. And under **Sec. 10-161(b)**, the architectural character of the property and its relationship to the surrounding district shall be maintained. The proposed changes would be compatible in appearance, and would be appropriate to the historic district. And it should be noted that the reconfigured more symmetrical recessed entry would be a design improvement, and would be more appropriate, since most traditional commercial storefronts had symmetrical recessed front entries. As such, the proposed changes would meet the Standards for review.

Sincerely,

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