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

Re: CAROUSEL ARCADE BUILDING RENOVATION

Market and Main Historic District Design Review

Dear Ms. Pereny:

I have reviewed the revised renovations proposed for the Carousel Arcade Building, 7463 Main Street in the Market and Main Historic District. As a non-historic building, the building is a Noncontributing structure in the district.

The revised work would relocate mechanical system louvers to slightly different locations on the back of the building. As approved last year, the new louvers would be near the upper transom windows on the rear wall. However mechanical code requirements stipulate that the louvers must be a required minimum distance away from operable windows. So it is proposed to relocate them farther from the windows, but still on the back wall of the building.

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 not destroy materials that characterize the building, and as necessary supportive elements, would be compatible in appearance. Being largely unseen, the changed louver locations would still be appropriate in the historic district. As such, the proposed changes would meet the Standards for review.

Sincerely,

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