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SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Harborside Condominium Unit #3
7277 A Main Dock / Main Street
Market & Main Historic District

At this time in the review process for the proposed demolition and replacement of the building at 7277 A Main Dock, and before a formal design review is completed, the significance of the property is identified for understanding and discussion purposes.

Significance

Based on the 2010 historic resource survey of the City, the building at 7277 A is significant based on National Register of Historic Places criteria "A" and "C".

Criterion A - Event

This significance stems from the building's role in the commerce of the community during the Market and Main Historic District's Period of Significance determined to be: Island Resort and Park 1870 - 1930, in connection with the rise steam-age tourism and associated commerce.

Criterion C - Design / Construction

This significance is as an example of Victorian shopfront vernacular architecture. Historic photos of downtown Mackinac Island show many one and two story wood frame storefronts; this is one of few remaining examples of this type and scale of storefront. All the typical architectural features of this type remain at 7277 A: large display windows with transom windows above, recessed center entry with diagonal sides and large entry door, lower cornice with entablature, upper clapboard-sided storefront, and projecting upper cornice.

For these reasons, the building was identified as a Contributing structure when the Market and Main Historic District was created.

Urban Design

In addition to its significance historically and architecturally, 7277 A is significant for its urban design character - it is a crucial component enclosing the open space at the head of the Main Dock, which itself is extremely important as a character-giving and functional element of the district, for the role it plays in the passage of folks coming and going on the ferries, and as a central gathering space, both historically and present day.