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DATE: May 17, 2024
TO: Oregon City Historic Review Board
Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner

FROM: McLoughlin Neighborhood Association

RE: HR 24-00004/GLUA-24-0005
Modification of Railing, HR 20-02, 920 7th Street

MNA has reviewed the submitted materials and offers the following comments:

- Applicant's narrative has several errors that should be corrected:
 - Refers to wrong application #HR 14-07
 - Any excerpts from the Code should be direct quotes; the text in the narrative does not match language in 17.40.060
 - Applicant states that the metal railing has been approved, when Condition of Approval #8 from HR 20-02 clearly states "Balcony railing material shall be wood with top and bottom rail, and balusters interior to the rail."
 - The locations and addresses of the included photographs are not provided as indicated in the narrative.
- It should be noted that the attachment for the prior approved application, HR 20-02, links to the current file. Additionally, the street view photo needs to be updated, as the construction is well underway. (A photo of the SW elevation taken today is attached below)

Despite the numerous discrepancies and omissions in the application, MNA concurs that metal railings are appropriate for the proposed use.

For HRB and Staff consideration:

Although MNA ultimately concurs with the proposed materials, this design team has a history of repeatedly submitting incomplete and erroneous application materials, ignoring and violating codes and conditions of approval. They disrespect the process by moving forward without HRB-approved plans, place blame on Staff and HRB for creating undue financial burden on their clients, and generally do not make good faith efforts to work with the City, the HRB, or the neighborhood to provide appropriate development in the community. MNA respectfully requests that the HRB address these behaviors with appropriate consequences to prevent recurrence and minimize the negative community impacts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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