

PROPOSAL:

US Property requests a certificate of appropriateness for work at 129 N. 10th Street, the Grand Manse, a designated Landmark.

DISCUSSION:

The Grand Manse/former U. S. Courthouse and Post Office is a designed landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and subject to a preservation easement for principal areas of the exterior and key interior spaces.

In July 2015 the Commission reviewed and approved a proposal to create stairwell to a basement entrance and an outdoor seating area, at the southeast corner of the building. As a first phase, creating the basement stair without the seating platform was part of the discussion and approval, as illustrated below.

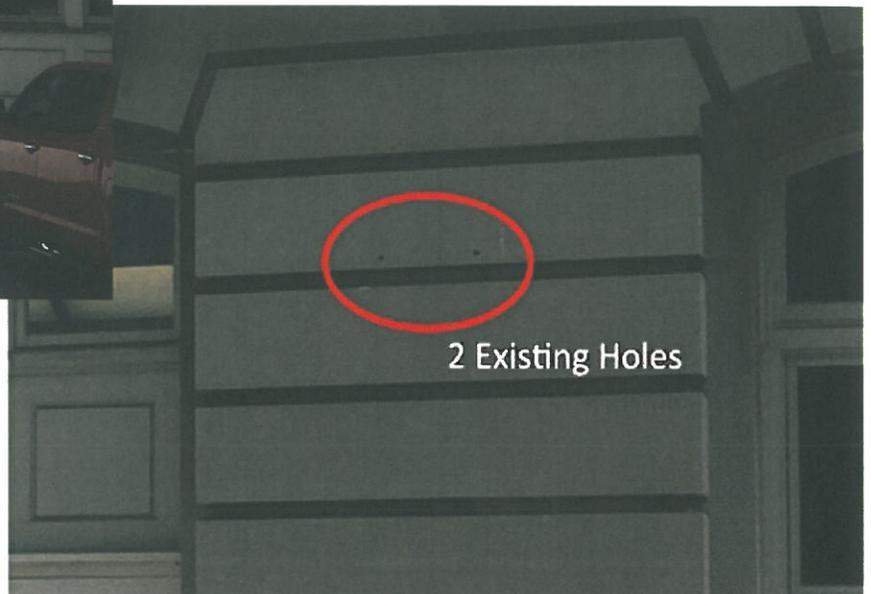
The basement entrance to “Boiler Brewing Co.” has been created and the craft brewery and taproom is operating. US Property suggested a wall sign in the form of a fabric awning. After conversation with me, that proposal was withdrawn and an alternative was offered.



The current request is for approval for a projecting sign suspended from a bracket



on the wall above the stairwell. The bracket would utilize a pair of pre-existing holes in the limestone at that location.



The Commission has been very cautious of allowing signs on the principal facades of this monumental building, except in locations that originally carried the building's identification legend. Instead, to large electronic message signs were permitted adjacent to the southeast and northwest corners of the structure.

This proposal involves the south, alley side of the building. Awnings with signs have been permitted adjacent to the former mail sorting room space, between the limestone ends of the east and west wings. The proposal would add a sign in a former location of a large wall sconce and would utilize holes from that or some other prior installation.



*South (alley) entrance to U. S. Courthouse & Post Office,
Circa 1910-1914*

In this location on a visible but secondary façade, the small proposed sign does not seem intrusive on the appearance or dignity of the Landmark. It appears it could be installed and removed without harm to the historic fabric.

Recommended finding: The proposed sign does not harm the historic character or fabric of the landmark, and in location and design is compatible with the structure.

Recommended action: Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness.



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A photograph of a building facade with a concrete walkway, a lamp post, and a car. The text "2 Existing Holes" is overlaid on the image. The building has a classical architectural style with a central door and windows. A concrete walkway with a metal railing runs across the foreground. A black lamp post with a white globe stands on the left. A dark car is parked on the right. The text "2 Existing Holes" is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image.

2 Existing Holes