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VIA EMAIL: jbinfaux@earthlink.net

Re: Appeal for property at 237-239 Mackubin Street

Dear Mr. Buhler:

This is to confirm that Christine Boulware, Heritage Preservation Commission, reviewed your property pertaining to the railing and she stated that when she observe the porch railing, it was noted that 237 Mackubin do not currently have a handrail. Although it did not have a handrail historically, if required by code, a simple black pipe rail could be installed in a manner that would not damage historic materials and not have a negative visual impact. The installation of a hand rail would require HPC review and the railing should either attach into the brick wall into mortar joints or may be anchored to the concrete deck and walk (the steps appear to be in a condition that will require re-setting at some point in the near future and attachment to the steps is not advisible). She does have example of these types of railing that she would be happy to share with you. Based on this, Ms. Moermond recommends that the City Council deny the appeal and grant an extension for one-year to come into compliance. Please note that the appeal on the steps has been granted.

The City Council Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 300 Council Chambers if you wish to contest further on the railing issue.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 651-266-8563.

Sincerely,

NMV

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Legislative Hearing Coordinator

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