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Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Loretta Harmon  
1031 Barracks St Unit 1  
New Orleans, LA 70116

**Re: 621-623 Kerlerec St**  
**Reference Code: 8A32WJ**

Dear Loretta Harmon:

This letter confirms the actions of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) of the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, April 19, 2022, concerning your application for the following work: Renovation of an two-story, two-family residential building, including removal of non-historic porch enclosures at front facade and restoration of porches.

The ARC agreed that:

- The header heights of the second-floor façade doors and windows appear to be too low and should be raised up to a similar proportion as the first-floor doors and windows. Some interior exploratory demolition at the second floor might be useful to verify if any evidence of the original framing for these openings is still visible. For example, transoms were likely present over the previous door openings with taller windows adjacent.
- The porch handrails shown as dying into the turned-wood columns appears to be inappropriate. The applicant should consider an alternative handrail design that is aligned with the top of the concrete pilasters with a vertical handrail extension above to fill in the space between the columns. This would allow the columns and handrail to read as separate elements with the handrails being a more recent and subordinate alteration. The proposed railings could also be free standing with no attachment to the existing columns.
- The newel posts at the second-floor balcony should be taller and the top bar of the handrail should die into the post and not the top trim as shown.

The ARC voted to recommend conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at the Staff level. Please submit one set of stamped/final detailed drawings reflecting the recommendations of the Architectural Review Committee. A list of required drawings and details has been included for your

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reference. Please be sure to include all pertinent drawings and details listed. Following review, we will contact you regarding any errors, omissions, or changes. All drawings should be submitted to HDLC Staff via email. Once approved, these drawings will then be transmitted internally to Safety & Permits for their review and permitting. As such, it is important that the final drawings are sufficient for review by both Departments.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, feel free to contact me at (504)658-7047 or Dennis.Murphy@nola.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'DM' inside a circle, followed by a period.

Dennis Murphy

Approved\_ *EB* \_ Eleanor Burke, Deputy Director

cc: Palazzo Josephine M Jr

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