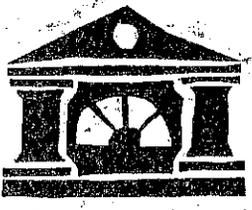


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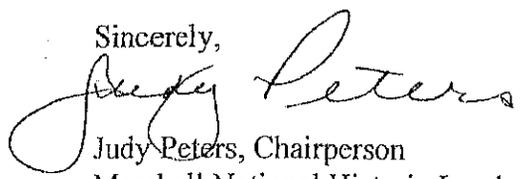
RE: Brooks Building Rehabilitation

Dear Dr. Williams,

I would like to thank Oaklawn Hospital administration for making the effort to include input from the State Historic Preservation Office in the design plans for the rehabilitation of the historic Brooks Building.

Oaklawn's concerted effort to protect the historic integrity of this building is commendable. It behooves us all to work to protect our National Historic Landmark District, and Oaklawn has shown their commitment by voluntarily involving the State Historic Preservation Office in this project.

If there is anything I can do on the local level to assist you in this project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Judy Peters, Chairperson
Marshall National Historic Landmark District



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RE: Brooks Building Rehabilitation and Addition, 310 E. Michigan Ave., Marshall,
Calhoun Co., MI, 49068

Dear Dr. Williams:

I was sorry to learn of the difficulties the hospital is encountering in developing the final design and details of the Brooks Building rehabilitation project. The rehabilitation of historic builds frequently involves finding creative solutions to unanticipated problems. We truly appreciate the Hospital's commitment to completing the highest possible quality rehabilitation and continuing to voluntarily involve the State Historic Preservation Office in the project.

Robbert McKay, Historical Architect with the State Historic Preservation Office and I have discussed the key points of the meeting August 3, 2006 and we believe that the decision to reorient the proposed new stair/elevator tower is the most appropriate solution to the current problem. Allowing the new construction to extend further north along existing west wall is not ideal but no other viable option appears to be available. We strongly recommend that every effort be made to minimize the overall length of the new tower and that it begin as close as possible to the point of intersection between the historic building and addition. The goal must be to minimize the number of historic window openings that are impacted by the new location.

Additionally Mr. McKay indicated that he was very pleased with the revised design. The rear canopy, the detailing of the new tower and the treatment of the east elevation windows and entries all appear to have been carefully and thoughtfully revised. The project team is to be commended on their willingness to protect and preserve the character of the building while creating a dynamic new working environment.

Should you have question regarding this or future projects please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you again soon.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation officer

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February 29, 2008

Caroline Healey
National Preservation Honor Awards
National Trust for Historic Preservation
1785 Massachusetts Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Healey:

Oaklawn Hospital has been nominated for one of the National Preservation Honors Awards for 2008. This letter is to urge you to give it serious consideration.

The preservation of the Brooks Rupture Appliance building is a significant contribution to the Marshall National Historic Landmark District. The Brooks building was not only the site of the Rupture Appliance business but it was also the office of Harold Brooks.

Mr. Brooks was the town's benefactor for 75 years and also the one who kept Marshall intact all those years. He ran "Town Beautification" contests so that local homeowners would keep their homes tidy. He collected and preserved the history of the small community during all those years. He bought and preserved or restored at least twelve of the key buildings in Marshall.

He was practicing "adaptive reuse" forty years before the term was invented. In 1930 he hired architect Howard F. Young to gut an 1857 two-story stone livery barn and stagecoach stop and create a lovely Greek Revival Town Hall, fire station and police station in the center of town.

Oaklawn Hospital has done the same thing with his office building to create a new dialysis center just one block from their main building. It worked closely with the State Historic Preservation Officer in Lansing throughout the project. The elevator shaft on the side of the building is visible from two blocks away and looks like it has always been there.

The Brooks building is the anchor for Carver Park, a neighborhood gathering spot for the residents of the east end of town. It is also one of the first things one sees when entering the town. Being three stories high it really sets the tone for Marshall's downtown.

As you can see from the pictures that have been submitted a great job has been done. Oaklawn should be honored for preserving the Brooks building. The Marshall community is truly excited about saving one of the keystones in the largest National Historic Landmark District in the country in the small urban category.

Sincerely,

Susan K. Collins
Chairman