HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

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${\bf APPLICATION\; FOR\; A\; CERTIFICATE\; OF\; APPROPRIATENESS}$

C14H-1976-0012 Morley Brothers Drug Store 209 E. 6th Street

PROPOSAL

Replace the existing glass blocks in the sidewalk in front of the building.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to replace the existing glass blocks in the sidewalk in front of the building with concrete pavers to avoid a slippery walking surface in front of the building.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not
 construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an
 earlier appearance.
- Repair, rather than replace deteriorated architectural features wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Base the repair or replacement of missing architectural features on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.
- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Request that the applicant retain the glass blocks in place and install a non-slip surface that will serve both purposes of retaining the historic glass block and providing a safer walking surface at the front of the building. Although there is no known documentation of the date of installing the glass blocks, they are believed to be of historic vintage, or replicated a historic sidewalk feature, and should be retained and accommodated to the greatest extent possible. Glass block sidewalks are extremely rare now, and this is the only section of the 6th Street sidewalks that retain their glass blocks.



