April 15, 2016

Paul D. Fitzwater, III
407 Hamilton Street
PO Box 461
Delaware City, DE 19706

Re:  Letter of Appropriateness
Application for 136 Washington Street
Tax Parcel No. 22-007.00-032
DCHD Property Inventory No. N6333.084

Dear Mr. Fitzwater:

The Delaware City Historic Preservation (HPC) met in a publicly noticed meeting on April 12, 2016 to consider your application for window replacements to your property at 136 Washington Street, in Delaware City. The renovation at this time is for replacing the existing wooden windows, first 2 floors are 6 over 6 and third floor is 3 over 3 with Vinyl replica windows.

The HPC reviewed the proposal with consideration of the factors required under Section 49-6a. Alterations, the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards, and the intent of review process under Section 49-1.

At this time we have tabled our decision to a future date when you can appear before the commission and supply us with more detailed information on the windows you have chosen. We understand your request to use new materials (vinyl replica windows). We do not have any issues with that, however the commission members have requested to see samples of the window material – or manufacturer cut sheets. The commission also has some concern over the replacement of the 6 – 3/3 on the third floor on the 3rd floor.
Please provide us with a drawing to visualize this major change in the appearance of the home.

It is noted that there was some discussion on the major historic significance of this property due to its age and architecture to Delaware City and the surrounding areas. The commission is very pleased that you are replacing the windows with historically correct designs and proportions to maintain the historic integrity of the home.

The Commission is looking forward to your future renovations and meeting with you personally.

Because the application is for alterations to a building within the historic district C-1 Central Commercial zone, the recommendations of the Commission are mandatory.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,

Lynn Dilliplane, Chair
Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission

cc: HPC
   Parcel File
   Mayor and Council