PROJECT NUMBER: _____

CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
APPLICATION

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PROJECT TITLE: RAUE HOUSE - ~~REPLA~~ DAMAGED PORCH FACADE

ADDRESS: 25 W. CRYSTAL LAKE AVE

CRYSTAL LAKE IL 60014

OWNER(S):

NAME: HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF CRYSTAL LAKE

ADDRESS: SAME

PROPERTY INDEX NUMBERS (attach legal description): _____

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE CURRENT IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY:

SEE NARRATIVE

PLEASE PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, DEMOLITION OR USE PROPOSED:

SEE NARRATIVE

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

PLEASE PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS OR SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION. IN ADDITION, PLEASE PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS AND A LIST OF MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE PROJECT.

CONTRACTOR NAME: EXPERT ROOFING

ADDRESS: 171 ERICK ST, CRYSTAL LAKE IL

PHONE: 815/444-1572

ARCHITECT NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

DOWNTOWN CRYSTAL LAKE

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NARRATIVE:

On Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 2:41 AM, a Ford F150 pickup truck left the road and crashed into the Raue House, 25 W. Crystal Lake Avenue.

Property damaged includes:

- City-owned parkway tree at 17 W. Crystal Lake Avenue
- 5-foot redwood monument sign (estimated value $3,600)
- Landscape materials (estimated value $330)
- Damage to Raue House front porch (value to be determined)

The pickup truck hit the front left portion of the front porch, damaging the siding, and jarring the rail caps and left front pillar. It is believed the existing siding was installed in the early 1960s when the 3-car garage was built.

Challenges we are facing to put the house back together again:

- Siding on front left porch façade is damaged beyond repair.
- There is evidence the porch rail cap and far left corner pillar was jarred and shifted with the collision.
- Building Commissioner Mike Magnuson has visited the site, and will be asking for the siding on the front of the porch (both left and right sides) as well as pillar and rail cappings to be removed in order to inspect for safety and security of the porch structure.
- Unknown structural concerns may be revealed, and these will need to be addressed.
- Contractor could only locate one manufacturer (Mastic Home Exteriors) who currently makes 8-inch smooth siding.
- This siding is only available in white.
- The siding is not completely smooth, but it's close.
- The siding would need to be painted to match house.
- Porch rail caps and pillar caps can be recovered with new material that matches existing.

Additionally, because this is a landmarked property, Downtown Crystal Lake understands the Historic Preservation Commission is just as concerned as we are that the façade be repaired and replaced to as it was prior to the crash.

City of Crystal Lake
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Certificate of Appropriateness

Project Name: #2016-54 Raue House **Address:** 25 Crystal Lake Avenue

Owner/Applicant: Downtown Crystal Lake

Ordinance Requirements: For landmarked buildings, the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance requires a Certificate of Appropriateness, to be issued by the Historic Preservation Commission, if the building is to be altered, extended or repaired in such a manner as to produce a major change in the exterior appearance. A major change would be an addition, alteration, maintenance, reconstruction, rehabilitation, renovation or repair. The proposed demolition would necessitate a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Background Information: The Raue House was built and occupied by the Raue family for 93 years. Constructed by Benno (Ben) Raue in 1901 at a cost of approximately $2,000, this home's architecture is classified as Free Classic Queen Anne. "Free Classic" refers to the classical elements such as the original Doric porch columns and pediment styled dormers. The Queen Anne features include the round corner tower, original variegated shingles, and the variety of dormers and windows. In 2004, the Raue house itself was recognized as a significant structure in the history of Crystal Lake when it became the seventh property plaqued by the Historic Preservation Commission.



Project Description: Repairs are necessary to the front porch, siding, railing and pillars. Additional structural damage may also need to be repaired.