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To: clerks
Subject: RE: Drew House designation - 442 King Street East (in relation to Report ED-23-214)

From: "J.A. Clark" <M.F.I.P.P.A 14(1)>
Subject: Drew House designation
Date: November 24, 2023 at 2:36:44 PM EST
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Mr. Whilsmith, in looking over the agenda for Monday's EDSC meeting, I was surprised to see that there is still considerable confusion, it seems, concerning the position of the homeowners of this property re: designation. Somehow a mistake has been made as regards the owners' preference on this question, which is to designate their property. They told me that they had been awaiting further information from the city on what designation might mean down the road, but had not heard anything back. We attempted to fill that gap by describing the OHA designation process and requirements, and connecting them to the current owner of a similar designated property to answer any additional questions.

As a result of them finally receiving this information, I have an e-mail from the homeowner dated Dec. 11, 2022 that I will quote in part:

"...we have sent an email off to the Council and the clerks office advising them that **we in fact do want to have our home deemed heritage** and preserve the history of it and asked what the next steps are in the process and that we look forward to hearing from them."

While I don't have a copy of the e-mail the owner sent in, this statement seems to me to be fairly definitive in terms of a response to your question. Perhaps they did not respond to your further attempts because they felt they'd answered your question definitively?

Regardless, it is my clear understanding that the homeowners of Drew House have given their final answer to the City that they DO want 442 King St. E. designated and this answer has either been misdirected or otherwise mislaid on the City's end. I have contacted the owners to alert them that the item is coming back to the EDSC next week and am hoping they will get in touch with you directly before then. However, if there isn't time for them to reach you by Monday, I hope that this clarification will at minimum delay the determination of the property's future to give the owners time to deliver their decision directly.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message. Thank you. So many seem to vanish into the ether these days...

Best,

Jane Clark