Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts

Fire Escape Removal and Replacement

Building Permit Number: TBD

Description of Existing Conditions:

The west elevation (alley) of the existing Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts (Wilson Theater) currently has a fire escape located at the northwest corner of Music Hall serving the roof. The existing fire escape is to be removed per the direction of the Detroit Fire Department.

Detailed Scope of Work at Fire Escape:

The Detroit Fire Department is requiring Music Hall remove the existing fire escape at the northwest corner of the building and install a new fire escape to provide the second means of egress from the rooftop.

The fire escape will be a standard steel fire escape, open treads and risers, steel handrail and construction, open to the elements. The fire escape will cascade down the west façade of the building as shown on the attached drawings.

Structural Components at Fire Escape:

- Steel bar grate stair stringers
- Steel, painted, handrail guards
- Structural Steel, painted,

The fire escape is modeled after other fire escapes built during the same era as Music Hall including the Fillmore (State) Theater, the Fox Theater and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The former door openings at the existing fire escape platform will have a new window placed in the door opening to match the other windows found throughout Music Hall. The area of the door not filled with the new window will have brick masonry installed matching the existing brick color and texture.