

## MEMORANDUM

To: Historic District Commissioners

From: Jill Thacher, Historic Preservation Coordinator

Date: August 8, 2012

Re: Correction to 1533 Broadway Survey Card

It has been brought to staff's attention that there is a discrepancy between the survey card for 1533 Broadway and the adopted study committee report for the Broadway Historic District. The survey card states at the top that the house is a non-contributing resource, while the report includes it in the resource list of contributing structures.

Staff believes the survey card is in error for the following reasons:

- The Guerdon Greenway house at 1533 Broadway was built during the period of significance for the Broadway Historic District. From page 18 of the study committee report, under Significance of the District:

The Broadway Historic District is significant under National Register Criterion A for its association with the settlement of Ann Arbor and the subsequent development of one of the city's first neighborhoods; and criterion C as representative of 19th-century architectural styles in varieties from Greek Revival to Victorian. The period of significance is 1830 to 1949 which is when the majority of the houses were constructed. Although there were some Cape Cod houses constructed during the 1940s as the University of Michigan expanded, no notable buildings were constructed in the district after 1949. The construction in the district in the 1950s included a large apartment building and several ranch houses, none of which are notable for their history or architecture.

- The modern architectural style of the house is significant and unique within the district.
- The house has not been significantly altered or moved from another site.

### Sample motion

I move to confirm that the house at 1533 Broadway is a contributing structure in the Broadway Historic District, and direct staff to correct the property's survey card to make it consistent with the Broadway Historic District Study Report.

## ***Broadway Historic District***

### ***Resource Documentation***

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***Address:*** 1533 Broadway

***Date:*** 1944

***Historic Name:*** Guerdon Greenway House

***Level:*** Non-Contributing



### ***Description***

***Style:*** Prairie Ranch

***Roof Shape:*** Flat

***# Stories:*** 1

***Roof Material:*** Asphalt

***Material:*** Concrete Block

***Plan Shape:*** Square

***Windows:*** Original

***Porch Type:*** N/A

***Window Type:*** Wood, Double-Hung

***# Dormers:*** N/A

***Pane Type:*** Fixed, 1/1

***Dormer Type:*** N/A

***Character Defining Features:***

Wide overhang; corner ribbon windows; wide, flat central chimney; single-story flat-roofed garage, covered with horizontal shiplap siding; looks as if owner truncated common garage style to match house.

### ***History***

***First City Directory:*** 1944

***Original Use:*** Residential

***Architect:*** Unknown

***Current Use:*** Residential

***Builder:*** Unknown

***Occupation (First Dweller):*** Physician, University of Michigan Hospital.

***Notes:*** House represents specific type with only one other like it in neighborhood. Resembling a similar building at 1223 Pontiac which was designed by UM Architecture professor George Bringham in 1938 this house may have been designed by the same architect. Built for Guerdon Greenway, a physician at UM hospital and his wife Virginia. 2007 Photograph.