

At the November 2014 Historic Preservation Commission meeting, the applicants presented the new windows they had installed without prior Historic Preservation Commission review, and the Commission denied the Certificate of Appropriateness. Since then, the applicants have explored options for modifications to the windows such as replacing the glass or adding muntins to the exterior of the window, but these options have proven unfeasible or to be too costly. Because the applicants do not want to replace the new windows, on June 3, 2015, they submitted a request for appeal to Council of the Historic Preservation Commission's decision to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness.

It is staff's professional opinion that the windows are not in keeping with the historical character of the building or the district. However, reasonable attempts have been made by the applicant to modify the windows to make them more historically appropriate. Further, these windows are on the rear facade of a new addition. In the spirit of compromise, staff recommends approval of the appeal request.

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