



Project Name/Address: 210 N Breese Terrace
Application Type: Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alteration
Legistar File ID # [51179](#)
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Summary

Project Applicant/Contact: Sarah Schwartz
Requested Action: The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for an exterior alteration involving the replacement of windows and doors in the University Heights Historic District

Background Information

Parcel Location: The subject site is located in the University Heights Historic District.

Relevant Historic Preservation Ordinance Sections:

41.18 STANDARDS FOR GRANTING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS. A certificate of appropriateness shall be granted only if the proposed project complies with this chapter, including all of the following standards that apply.

- (1) New construction or exterior alteration. The Landmarks Commission shall approve a certificate of appropriateness for exterior alteration or construction only if:
 - (c) In the case of exterior alteration or construction on any property located in a historic district, the proposed exterior alteration or construction meets the adopted standards and guidelines for that district.
 - (d) In the case of any exterior alteration or construction for which a certificate of appropriateness is required, the proposed work will not frustrate the public interest expressed in this ordinance for protecting, promoting, conserving, and using the City's historic resources.

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41.24(5) Standards for the Review of Exterior Alterations and Repairs in TR-C2 and TR-C3 and TR-C4 Zoning Districts.

- (a) Height. N/A
- (b) Second Exit Platforms and Fire Escapes. N/A
- (c) Repairs. Materials used in exterior repairs shall duplicate the original building materials in texture and appearance, unless the Landmarks Commission approves duplication of the existing building materials where the existing building materials differ from the original. Repairs using materials that exactly duplicate the original in composition are encouraged.
- (d) Restoration. Projects that will restore the appearance of a structure to its original appearance are encouraged and will be approved by the Landmarks Commission if such

- projects are documented by photographs, architectural or archeological research or other suitable evidence.
- (e) Re-Siding. N/A
 - (f) Alterations Visible from the Street and Alterations to Street Facades. Alterations visible from the street, including alterations to the top of structures, and alterations to street facades shall be compatible with the existing structure in architectural design, scale, color, texture, proportion and rhythm of solids to voids and proportion of widths to heights of doors and windows. Materials used in such alterations shall duplicate in texture and appearance, and architectural details used therein shall duplicate in design, the materials and details used in the original construction of the existing structure or of other structures in University Heights of similar materials, age and architectural style, unless the Landmarks Commission approves duplication of the texture and appearance of materials and the design of architectural details used in the existing structure where the existing building materials and architectural details differ from the original. Alterations that exactly duplicate the original materials in composition are encouraged. Alterations that destroy significant architectural features are prohibited. Side alterations shall not detract from the design composition of the original facade.
 - (g) Additions and Exterior Alterations Not Visible from the Street. Additions and exterior alterations that are not visible from any streets contiguous to the lot lines upon which the structure is located will be approved by the Landmarks Commission if their design is compatible with the scale of the existing structure and, further, if the materials used are compatible with the existing materials in texture, color and architectural details. Additions and alterations shall harmonize with the architectural design of the structure rather than contrast with it.
 - (h) Roof Shape. N/A
 - (i) Roof Material. N/A

Analysis and Conclusion

The current owner and preservation file records indicate that the majority of the first floor windows have already been replaced. The previous property owner began replacing windows without receiving a Certificate of Appropriateness. The current owner/applicant is interested in completing the replacement work.

The windows proposed for replacement seem to be original wood sash. Some windows proposed for replacement are visible from the street. From the photos, the condition of the existing windows seems to be consistent with windows of this age and could likely be repaired. Repairing the historic fabric maintains the historic integrity of the historic resource.

Generally, the proposed new replacement windows would likely match the existing appearance of the original windows. In order to approximate the appearance of the existing windows, the muntins would need to be sized so that the muntin width matches or is very close to the existing width. The proposed muntin width is 7/8", but 5/8" may be more appropriate. The muntins shall be placed on the exterior surface of the glass with a spacer bar between the glass. The applicant should provide manufacturer's product information that adequately describes the Marvin product being proposed.

From the photos, the condition of the existing doors seems to be consistent with doors of this age and could likely be repaired. Repairing the historic fabric maintains the historic integrity of the historic resource.

The proposed new doors are similar in general appearance to the existing doors. The applicant should provide manufacturer's product information that adequately describes the product being proposed so that the Commission can assess the appropriateness of the resulting appearance.

Recommendation

If the Landmarks Commission finds that the replacement of windows and doors frustrates the public interest related to 41.18(1)(d) for protecting, promoting, conserving, and using the City's historic resources, staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission deny the request and encourage the property owner to repair the windows and doors. If the Landmarks Commission finds that the standards for granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for window and door replacements are met, staff recommends that the Landmarks Commission approve the request.