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Subject: Re: Landmarks Oct 16 Agenda

Dear Amy,

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting to answer questions in person. I have to make a trip for work.

You asked why we did not repair the windows. I have done so, many times in the 27 years we have owned this house. They get stuck, I fix them. The sash cords break, I fix them. They leak like a sieve, I try yet another technique to weather strip them (which never works nearly as well as a modern window). I am tired of fixing them. We should have replaced them when we spent hundreds of thousands of dollars fixing up this house in 2002/2003, but didn't want to take on that extra expense. I would like to do so now.

However, based on your earlier responses, I suspect that there is nothing that I could say that would satisfy you or the commission in any case. I would like to state for the record that I find it absurd that the commission would reject this request based on an ordinance that explicitly permits vinyl and aluminum siding to be installed in a historic district. The windows that we propose to install are indistinguishably different from the street (see before-and-after photos of the upper windows below) and virtually indistinguishable from the inside.

I have always been supportive of preservation, but I feel that denying this request is the kind of over-reach that makes reasonable people oppose the creation of historic districts.

— david

David A. Wood
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