

126 West Newton Street

Window violation

Renaissance Investments

February 6th 2018

Summary:

When we began this project at 126 West Newton Street, the existing windows were in poor condition. We mistakenly ordered and installed Jeld-Wen wood 2/2 windows. The existing windows were curved sash, straight glass. In light of a scheduled unit closing in January, a 10 week lead time to get these curved sash windows and the excessive costs of approximately \$8,500 per window, we decided to 'retrofit the 6 windows' leaning on our team of fine carpenters from Catamount Builders. Respectful of the Landmarks standards and criteria, we have worked very hard to be compliant.

Process:

1-Modeling the depth of the existing sash and curve angles, our master carpenters carefully fabricated and glued cedar wood to exactly mimic the existing 'curve'. We started with 1 window to experiment. (of note and interest, the 6 existing windows all had old, decaying aluminum storm windows on them completely hiding the curved sash)

2-We had our painters then prep, sand and paint the window in black.

3-Being sensitive to the neighborhood's opinion of the work, we called upon Mr. Stephen Fox, the head of the Rutland Square Neighborhood Association and The South End Forum, to review the work and ensure he was satisfied. I walked him through our process and predicament and showed him what we did. After review, he thought the windows looked fine and he was satisfied they met the standards.

4-We then proceeded to retrofit the other 5 windows using the exact same process. It took 2 carpenters 5 days to complete the retrofit.

5-We then had our painters prep and paint the 5 remaining windows.

Closing:

I am asking Landmarks to allow us to use these Jeld Wen retrofitted windows. My neighbors, the neighborhood associations have concluded that the windows look great. Additionally, I have a closing with a family on February 9th. My team is sprinting to the finish line to accommodate this. The burden would be great to have to re-order windows at a cost of approximately \$50,000 with a 10 week lead time.

I greatly appreciate your consideration this matter.

Thank you.

Lewis

Lewis Legon



City of [illegible] Department of Planning and Community Development
ALTERATION PERMIT
B

Project Name: [illegible]
Address: [illegible]
Proprietor: [illegible]
Contractor: [illegible]
Description of Work: [illegible]

APPROVED BY: [illegible]
DATE: [illegible]

City of [illegible] Department of Planning and Community Development
PERMIT
R

Project Name: [illegible]
Address: [illegible]
Proprietor: [illegible]
Contractor: [illegible]
Description of Work: [illegible]

APPROVED BY: [illegible]
DATE: [illegible]







