

Dear Commissioners,

While we appreciate the research and report prepared by Mr. Jakubovich, we respectfully disagree with his opinion on the double hung windows. While it is true that the original design of the building contained large storefront windows expanding the entire width of the building, it should be noted that the original design of the building had the entrance located in the center of the storefront with two large windows on each side. At some point in time, the entrance was moved to the far west side of the storefront. In an ideal world, we would have the money and time required to do a complete and accurate restoration relocating the entrance back to the center, however, unfortunately we are not in that position. The best that we can do is expand the window as large as possible within the current space provided, using an era-appropriate style of window. The choice of the double hung window as opposed to a stationary store front window is to provide the ability for the windows to be opened. Customers love open windows in the summer time, especially with a front row view of the exciting Brady Street people watching. Two neighboring businesses, Jack's American Pub and The Garage, both have storefront opening windows. While it is true that the original windows in this storefront were not double hung windows, double hung windows were an available product at the time this building was built, and were used on the second level of the building. There are several other buildings on Brady Street with double hung windows as well as numerous buildings with stationary store front windows that have the same appearance as double hung windows due to the wood window pane dividers. We truly feel that the double hung windows, being much larger than the current window and much more close in size to neighboring buildings would fit in much better with the Brady Street neighborhood and would be much more historically appropriate as this type of window was available and utilized in the Queen Anne/Italianate style era whereas the current window was not. We would be happy to work with Mr. Jakubovich to come up with a different plan for the cedar shiplap siding to replace the 1950s masonry storefront at a later date in time. We hope you understand that we appreciate the historic nature of this neighborhood, and the City as a whole (which is evident by the large display of historic Milwaukee photographs inside our establishment) and please consider allowing us to expand the current non-historically appropriate window with large double hung, historically appropriate windows.

Sincerely,

Joshua Malone

View from the inside of the building. The current window already expands almost the entire width of the space available. We would increase the window on top up to the bottom of the exterior sign, and to the bottom within a few inches from the floor.



Our building –
Double hung
windows

Double hung windows on the building directly to the east.



The building directly across the street contains double hung windows on the second level, and large storefront windows similar in size to our proposed window, and similar in design to the look of double hung windows with the wood window pane dividers. As you can see from the current and proposed pictures of our storefront, the current look does not fit in as well as the proposed.

Double hung windows



The neighboring buildings to the west both contain double hung windows. The storefront windows on the building directly to the west are 7'8" high and 5'4" wide. Our proposed window would be almost identical in height.