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To: Elmer, Linda; Owczarski, Jim
Subject: HPC COA 1696-1698 North Marshall

To the Historic Preservation Commission, Regarding 1696-1698 North Marshall (file 201036): After reading the owner's request to waive window replacement at this address, and being very familiar with the building, I, as an owner within 200' of the building, request the HPC NOT require the existing vinyl windows be replaced with wood windows. I don't know how long the vinyl windows have been in place, but I am fairly certain it has been at least ten years. (A relative lived in this building almost ten years ago). For someone to report the noncompliance of the windows at this time appears to be outside of any particular concern for adherence to the historic district requirements. The reporting of noncompliance seems more of a personal nature, whatever that might be.

The windows as they exist are of a shape and color that supports the historic characteristic of the building. While not ideal, they ARE existing. Window replacement with historically correct wood windows is an involved, expensive, and disruptive process.

That said, the HPC should introduce the idea of a building restoration to its full historic character that would be contingent on approval of state and federal historic tax credits. My building, at 827-829 East Brady Street, successfully sought and achieved those tax credits, allowing me to use better finishes during the course of a necessary renovation. I would be happy to speak with the owner regarding my experience of that process.

Play nicely,
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