

MILWAUKEE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT



Date	10/6/2025	Ald.	Stamper
CCF	250826	Reviewer	Tim Askin
Address	2864 N Sherman Blvd	Owner	Amber Walker
District	Sherman Boulevard	Applicant	Amber Walker

PROPOSAL

Applicant proposes to replace two bathroom windows on the north façade with glass block.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Walker has remodeled the bathroom and requests to install glass block in the north wall for privacy. The windows are visible from the sidewalk. Staff is unaware of any time that the Commission has approved glass block for anything other than a basement windows.

Interior photos show that with the trim and sill remove, a new interior window could be installed behind the existing, particularly if lift handles are removed. Staff has recommended to applicant that she pursue a new interior window behind the existing historic windows or that she reglaze the existing windows. Either can and should be done with privacy glass. The windows need not operate as the current building code requires a vent fan in a bathroom remodeled this extensively.

Analysis of guidelines

The Sherman Boulevard guidelines state the following about windows.

- Retain existing window and door openings that are visible from the public right-of-way. Retain the present configuration of panes, sash, sills, architraves, hoods, doors and hardware, except as necessary to restore to the original condition.
- Respect the stylistic period or periods a building represents. If replacement of window sash or doors is necessary, the replacement should duplicate the appearance and design of the original window sash or door.
- Avoid the filling in or covering of openings with materials like glass block.

RECOMMENDATION

Deny.

PRIOR ACTION

N/A