

Docket Item #11  
BAR Case #2003-0169

BAR Meeting  
October 1, 2003

**ISSUE:** Replacement windows

**APPLICANT:** Hannah & Steven Williams

**LOCATION:** 421 Gibbon Street

**ZONE:** RM/Residential

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**BOARD ACTION, SEPTEMBER 17, 2003:** On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Keleher the Board approved the Staff recommendation which was: approval of the application with the condition that the Board review and approve an actual sample of the proposed window. The vote on the motion was 4-2 (Dr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Smeallie were opposed).

**REASON:** The Board agreed with the applicant that the windows could not be repaired at a reasonable cost, but that the windows were a character defining feature of the house. The Board believed that the muntin configuration should be similar to that approved for 406 Gibbon Street.

**SPEAKER:** Hannah Williams, homeowner, spoke in support

**BOARD ACTION, AUGUST 6, 2003:** On a motion by Ms. Quill, seconded by Dr. Fitzgerald the Board deferred the application for restudy. The vote on the motion was 5-0.

**REASON:** The Board believed that the metal windows were a character defining feature of this row of houses and that consideration should be given to restoring the windows rather than replacing them.

**SPEAKER:** Steven Williams, homeowner, spoke in support

Update:

At the public hearing of September 17, 2003, the Board approved aluminum clad replacement windows with the condition that the Board approve an actual sample of the window. The applicant will bring a window sample to the public hearing for Board consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Applicant s Description of the Undertaking:

We would like to replace our old steel casement windows with vinyl windows, as four of our neighbors have done.

Issue:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the nine steel casement windows on the south (front), west, and north (rear) sides of the end unit, two story house. The proposed new vinyl and aluminum casement windows will have grids in various configurations, intended to match the existing windows.