Docket Item# 6 BAR CASE # 2009-0263

BAR Meeting January 6, 2010

**ISSUE:** Alterations

**APPLICANT:** Mada McGill

**LOCATION:** 102 Pommander Walk Street

**ZONE:** RM/Residential

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the application with the following conditions:

- 1. That the windows and doors be constructed of wood and not aluminum clad (EnduraClad) as submitted, with final specification details approved by Staff; and,
- 2. That the doors and windows on the second and third floors of the rear elevation be multi-light to match the existing windows.

<u>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>, <u>DECEMBER 2</u>, <u>2009</u>: Staff recommends approval of the application with the following conditions:

- 1. That the windows and doors be constructed of wood and not aluminum clad (EnduraClad) as submitted, with final specification details approved by Staff; and,
- 2. That the doors and windows on the second and third floors of the rear elevation be multi-light to match the existing windows.

The Item was deferred from the December 2, 2009 hearing due to lack of public notice.

\*\*EXPIRATION OF APPROVALS NOTE: In accordance with Sections 10-106(B) and 10-206(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, any official Board of Architectural Review approval will expire 12 months from the date of BAR approval if the work is not commenced and diligently and substantially pursued by the end of that 12-month period.

\*\*BUILDING PERMIT NOTE: Most projects approved by the Board of Architectural Review require the issuance of one or more construction permits by Building and Fire Code Administration (<u>including signs</u>). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-746-4200 for further information.



#### I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement windows and doors at 102 Pommander Walk.

The applicant proposes to replace all of the windows and doors on the house, with the exception of the front door. The windows, manufactured by Pella (Architect Series), will be aluminum clad (EnduraClad), multi-light windows with 7/8 inch fixed muntins and interior spacer bars. The windows on the first and third floors will have a six-over-six configuration, while the windows on the second floor will have a six-over-nine configuration. Half screen storm windows are also proposed. The rear elevation is proposed to have two, double-hung, one-over-one windows on the third floor. The multi-paned doors on the first and second floors of the rear elevation will be replaced with full light, Pella EnduraClad doors. The existing windows on the house are single-glazed, multi-paned true divided light wood windows. The windows and doors will be factory finished in white.

The existing storm door on the front elevation will remain and the security grate on the first floor window will be removed.

### II. HISTORY:

The three-story, painted brick townhouse at 102 Pommander Walk Street was constructed in 1971 as part of the Pommander Square subdivision. The project was approved in concept by the Board on March 31, 1971 and final details were approved on May 21, 1971. The architect for the subdivision was Henry S. Sliwka, AIA of Springfield, Virginia.

Staff could find no previous BAR approvals for 102 Pommander Walk Street. However, the Board has approved a number of alterations within this townhouse development over the years. Staff is aware of one window replacement case where a homeowner obtained administrative approval for replacement windows (101 Pommander Walk Street) and on October 1, 2008, the BAR approved replacement double-insulated wood windows at 621 Pommander Walk Street (BAR CASE #2008-0157). It appears obvious that a number of homeowners within the development have replaced their original single-glazed wood windows – there are a number of double-insulated windows throughout the development, including some with sandwich muntins and aluminum cladding.

#### III. <u>ANALYSIS</u>:

The proposed alterations comply with Zoning Ordinance requirements.

The *Design Guidelines* recommend that: "...replacement windows should be appropriate to the historic period of the architectural style of the building". The *Guidelines* also state that single-glazed, true divided light windows with interior storm sash are the preferred replacement window type. The *Guidelines* continue by saying that other acceptable window types are "double-glazed, true divided light wood windows...Windows with fixed or applied muntins have been approved for the rear elevation of a structure which has minimal visibility from a public right of way." Plastic, vinyl and metal clad windows

are strongly discouraged. Staff has no objection to the installation of double insulated, simulated divided light windows on the front and rear elevations. However, Staff believes that they should be constructed of wood and not aluminum clad, in keeping with the Colonial Revival style of the Pommander Walk development and the use of traditional building materials. Given the visibility of the second and third floor windows and doors on the rear elevation, Staff also believes that they should be multi-light like the existing windows and doors rather than single full light configuration. None of the other townhouses within the development have full light doors or one-over-one windows like those proposed by the applicant.

#### IV. <u>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>:

Staff recommends approval of the application with the following conditions:

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- 2. That the doors and windows on the second and third floors of the rear elevation be multi-light to match the existing windows.

#### **STAFF:**

Stephanie Sample, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning Stephen Milone, Division Chief, Land Use Services

## V. <u>CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F- finding

**Code Administration:** 

No comments.

# VI. <u>IMAGES</u>



Figure 1: Image of 102 Pommander Walk from Google Maps.



Figure 2: Photo of second and third floor rear elevation.



Figure 3: Additional photos.

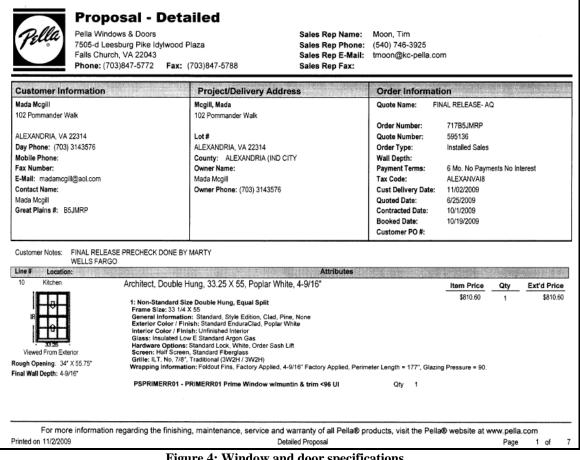


Figure 4: Window and door specifications.

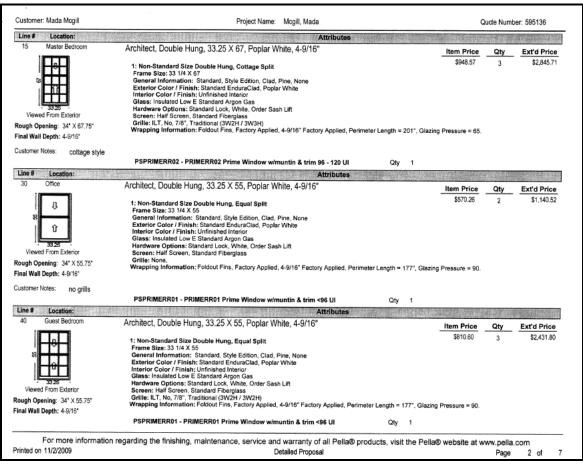


Figure 5: Window and door specifications.

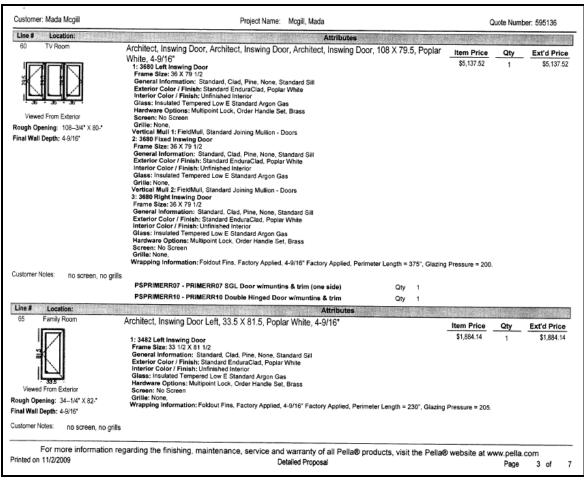


Figure 6: Window and door specifications.

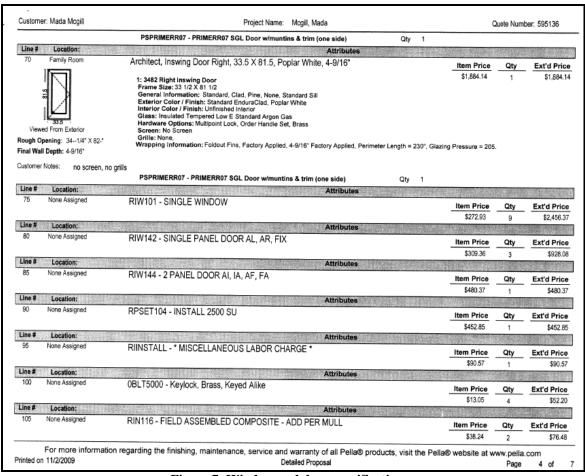


Figure 7: Window and door specifications.

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115	Location: None Assigned	99P - Beaded Colonial 3 1/2 in - Primed			
110	Note Assigned	99P - Beaded Colonial 3 1/2 in - Primed	Item Price	Qty	Ext'd Pric
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			\$0.00	2	\$0.0
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100	None Assigned	LUM14 - Shims - Cedar, small	Item Price	Qty	Ext'd Pric
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Figure 8: Window and door specification.

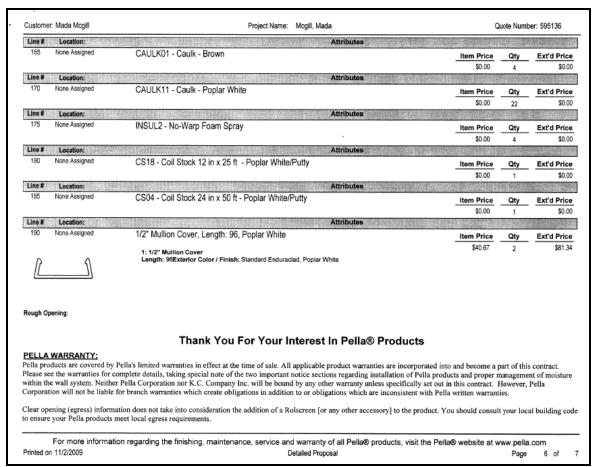


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