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In response to the historical commission and 217 D street alley wall siding and windows . I have seen and heard on numerous occasions individuals coming to the meeting after replacing siding and windows without approval and permits and they have been granted approval after the fact. I have also noted examples of new energy efficient windows installed on 212 E street in the same alley as our building without approval and yet nothing has been done afterwards. however, the committee has sternly scolded us for doing the same this is obviously showing extreme prejudice.

We had intended to scrape sand caulk and paint the wall . We then noticed damage from the last earthquake and removed damaged cracked , rotted siding . Then noted That the renovation done in 1976 to 1978 was not done to code the siding put on at that time was only screwed onto sections of the old siding . It was noted numerous redwood studs had been replaced with pine which had rotted and there was little insulation and numerous areas without proper sheer walls.

We started to replace rotted studs with pressure treated studs and insulation and 3/4 inch pressure treated plywood with vapor barrier.

This preserving the building and bringing it to code .

I have checked with the vendors the committee recommended and found that the materials they recommend are either not available or are way beyond what we can afford . The building has the lowest rents in Eureka and by law we are only able to increase the rents a little each year. Our costs have increased with electrical, elevator maintenance, water etc and with current interest rates it is not realistic to incur additional expense.

I fully expect to be denied and then Appeal the committee. We purpose to remove existing siding and windows . Replace any rotted damaged studs , install insulation, vapor barrier, plywood sheer wall and V groove hardiboard as they no longer produce any other hardiboard in the artisan series other than V groove and new energy efficient windows . If this is not approved we have no choice but to keep the wall and windows in current condition . At advice of the city we have put flashing over all holes and damaged areas and primer over untreated wood .