

We are appealing the Historic Commission decision to decline our proposed window replacement for our building at 217 D street in Eureka. We believe we offered a reasonable solution for much necessary repairs and upgrades to the windows on the alley side of the building.

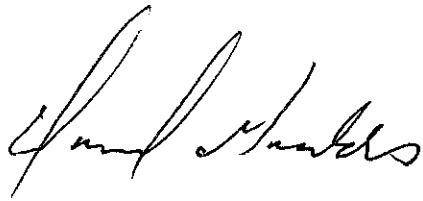
We feel that the committee was biased against our project because it is known in the community that historical buildings in our area have been fitted with more modern windows, without the committee's knowledge or prior approval, and those parties were granted project approval after the work was done. However, in trying to move forward with our project in an appropriate fashion, we've been delayed, penalized, and denied approval. This lack of consistency and fairness in the way the committee evaluates and decides on project proposals breeds community distrust of the committee's purpose, integrity, and decision-making protocols.

Our apartment complex at 217 D street provides safe and affordable housing in our community, a much-needed resource and positive influence on the cultural climate of Old Town. An inability to keep the building up to code in a timely and sustainable manner compromises our mission of providing this safe space our community members can call home. There are currently ten windows that currently need replacing, the cost of this, to the degree the committee has asked for, has been quoted at between \$19,000 and \$35,000; we cannot afford this amount and continue to offer reasonably priced housing.

We have already purchased high quality replacement windows, like our historic building neighbors at 212 E had previously installed, and our proposed siding has been approved. If we are not allowed to move forward with the installation of these windows, I will be forced to remove and repair each individual window. This process will likely take two weeks per window, during which our tenants will have their window spaces boarded up with plywood. Additionally, the tactic of repairing the current windows is unlikely to provide significant longevity to the life

of the window. There are a total of 93 windows in the building, it is not reasonable to assume that they can be individually pulled and repaired as needed; there would not be time for any other maintenance on the building.

Please allow us to install the new windows, and approved siding, so we can bring this wall of our building up to code.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Hunter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the page.