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From: Chrissy B <christine.backman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 12:16 PM
To: Alex Gonzalez <agonzalez@eurekaca.gov>
Subject: Re: Going to HPC for approval

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The North and East is redwood. The west side (not street visible) is a
composite siding



On Fri, May 17, 2024 at 11:11 AM Alex Gonzalez
<agonzalez@eurekaca.gov> wrote:

Sweet thank you! Do you know if the siding on the rest of the house is
pine, cedar or redwood? Thank you!

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Hi Alex,

I am going to try to answer your questions, please feel free to call if I make it more confusing

1. For the 6 replacement windows, in the report I have that the replacement windows will be “fiberglass exterior and wooden interior” like you stated in the emails below, but Caitlin says in the past the HPC has requested specific details like what materials would the sash, framing, interior casing, exterior/interior panes be. Can you give me more descriptive explanation or link to the details of the proposed fiberglass exterior wooden interior windows? We have a windows handout [linked here](#), and on page (5) it talks about all the different elements of a window. Please review that and write up a descriptive explanation of how your new windows will work.

-The prior windows were vinyl sash and stile with wood trim, sill, framing, and casing. The new window sash and stile are fiberglass. The exterior trim, sill, framing, and casing will all be wood. The interior sash and stile are wood and I used reclaimed redwood for the interior trim

-the windows I chose were Marvin Elevate series and you can see some of the exterior finish details [here](#). I went with "stone white" to match what was the existing vinyl sash and stile color.

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-Exterior door will be wood mahogany or alder.

1. Your initial work schedule (attached above) did not include the # of windows you would like to replace and says 2 windows were replaced in 2023. To confirm, you replaced the 3 windows on the southern-facing façade in 2023 and would like to replace the 6 remaining windows on the northern and

eastern facing facades. I can update your work schedule on my end once you confirm the # of windows.

-3 windows were replaced in 2023. The remaining will be replaced in 2027

1. For the previous siding work, I think we talked about this briefly at the site visit but it been so much back and forth I would like to reconfirm with you, the siding on the southside was pine and was replaced with redwood, correct?

-Siding was pine and was replaced with cedar siding, sized to match the profile of the existing house

1. I have that the heat pump for the HVAC is different from the installation of the tankless water heater, is this correct? Caitlin is thinking that they are the same thing, but I would like to confirm with you.

-Tankless water heater is a different project then the HVAC. Can we move that estimate to 2025

1. Lastly, can you send over the historic report if any that you received when you has that consultant come over and evaluate the home?

-I did not receive a report but I did have an in-person consultation with Bill Hole who is listed on the City of Eureka Historical consultants (I attached it for reference)

On Thu, May 16, 2024 at 12:09 PM Alex Gonzalez
<agonzalez@eurekaca.gov> wrote:

Hi Chrissy,

I just got my comments back after the 2nd review of my report, and the senior planner here would like to see a bit more detail about the following

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 6. Lastly, can you send over the historic report if any that you received when you has that consultant come over and evaluate the home?



If you can get this info to me by end of the day tomorrow or the latest Monday morning that would be great so we can notice the project by Wednesday of next week and make it to the June 5th meeting.

Thank you!

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From: Chrissy <christine.backman@gmail.com>
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Hi Alex,

Yes redwood doors are very hard to find and expensive. I thought a wood door of a different species would be nice but if the HPS would prefer I get a painted door I am totally willing to do that.

Here are 2 examples of doors that come painted. They are Masonite Exterior

Fiberglass Doors “Embodiment of the classic allure of a genuine wood door with superior durability and low maintenance.” I would be happy with either and I think both would meet the “design, texture, and color” of the original feature.

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Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2024, at 11:44 AM, Alex Gonzalez
<agonzalez@eurekaca.gov> wrote:

Hey Chrissy!

I am writing out the justification to approve the new door, and one of the findings (below) asks that any new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and where possible materials.

I am wondering if you plan to leave the door its natural wood color? And if you can give me your reasoning behind choosing mahogany or alder over the original redwood?

In the past I've seen people use the reasoning that the material is hard to find or that it is extremely expensive. If you can give me a quick reply by Friday morning that would be great.

Finding #6 of the Standards of Rehabilitation for the Treatment of Historic Homes – “



6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.”

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From: Chrissy B <christine.backman@gmail.com>
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Hi Alex,
The windows we recently installed on the south face are double hung.
Chrissy

On Mon, May 6, 2024 at 9:26 AM Alex Gonzalez <agonzalez@eurekaca.gov> wrote:

Hey Chrissy,

Reading emails over the weekend and I just want to say this is amazing thank you!

For #2 would you be keeping the single-hung windows that were recently installed on the south facing façade? Or are you looking to re-replace them with double hung now? I know where getting into

the weeds here but HPC really cares about windows these days.

Other than that, thank you so much! I'll incorporate this into the report and I for see it being easy to recommend and get approval.

All the best, always,

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From: Chrissy <christine.backman@gmail.com>

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Hi Alex,

1. The existing door is redwood and the reasons it needs replacing is it is damaged so it cannot make a good seal for weatherproofing, the cosmetic damage to the panels, it has a mail slot that is not needed, the glass is missing and has been replaced with plexiglass. I want to replace it with a wooden door

with glass. I am looking at styles that would be compatible with the historic nature and found one I like (see pic) . It comes in mahogany or alder and different glass designs.

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2. The existing windows and the ones we replaced on the south are vinyl single hung and I want to replace them with double hung, fiberglass exterior and wooden interior windows.

The one wooden window left on the east side is double hung, single pane, painted shut . One of the panes has been replaced with plexiglass. I would like to refurbish that window

3. The tankless is 18"x24" , mounted in the south side toward the rear. I don't think it would be visible from the street. Here is a generic image of what the install looks like

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Hope that helps!

Thanks

Chrissy

On May 3, 2024, at 4:27 PM, Alex Gonzalez

<agonzalez@eurekaca.gov> wrote:

Hi Chrissy,

I am following up on a voicemail I left a day or two ago. We are planning on bringing your application forward to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) on June 5th at 4:00 p.m. After receiving edits, questions about the materials to replace the door and windows came up. To avoid you having to come back and get HPC approval before starting work for any changes not like-for-like, I was asked to get specific product details for the existing and new windows and

existing and new door. If you have a specific door in mind, and you know the brand/type of windows you will be installing already, please send me that information by Wednesday of next week and I will modify the staff report to allow you to get approval ahead of time for these changes. If you don't have a door in mind or know the type of windows you will be installing, and would like to wait, we can do that too. Please let me know what you prefer. Ill list my questions below for clarity:

1. What is the material of the existing and replacement door? And how will it look? (I know we talked about the existing door being wood, but can you tell me if it is redwood or another material)
2. What is the type and material of the existing windows and the ones you would like to install? And what was previously existing on the south facing façade before the replacement? (You have single hung vinyl windows currently, will the new ones be single hung?)
3. I know you mentioned a tankless water heater, but Caitlin is wondering what it will look like and if it will be visible from the street scape?

Give me a ring if you have any questions.

Best always,