

Mr. Sadowsky,

Good afternoon. I am contacting you in regards to the remodel project of 1410 Northwood Road. As you are aware, there are concerns regarding the replacement of the windows on the property. The ultimate goal of replacing the windows with new custom wood windows with divided lights was to improve the home and ultimately preserve the historic status. The existing windows were in extreme disrepair and ultimately needed to be replaced. The goal of replacing the windows in the home with the exact same size wood windows was to ensure the house was maintained and livable for years to come. The cost of replacing the windows was considerably more than anticipated. The wood windows were custom built for the home and the replacement cost of the windows, stucco work, and interior trim work is approaching \$60,000. This was an expense we did not plan on with the intent of an interior remodel of the home and financially we are not able to replace with another set of windows. The windows will be repainted in a shade of green that is almost exact to what they were with shutters on each side as the home had when purchased. 1410 Northwood is a property which I have admired for years, when the property was listed for sale I knew it was meant for us to purchase and ensure it was maintained, preserved, and improved for generations to come. I take great pride in owning a City of Austin Landmark property and have no desire to take away the status. I would like to complete the interior remodel of the home in the next few weeks as planned.

I request a postponement of consideration on the window project until the October 28th meeting as I am currently unable to attend the September 23rd meeting in person. Please let me know if there is anything I can be of assistance with as the process moves forward.

John Robert Ball