

Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 4/18/2019)

This report created by the Neighborhood Planner and included with staff reports to City Boards and/or Commissions.

Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: 1030 Murray Avenue Historic Window Replacement	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition (SHUC), Residents, Steven G. Hawkins/Architects, Department of City Planning (DCP)
Meeting Location: City of Pittsburgh Zoom Virtual DAM	
Date: 10/06/2020	
Meeting Start Time: 07:00 PM	
Applicant: Steven G. Hawkins Architects	Approx. Number of Attendees: 7

How did the meeting inform the community about the development project?

Ex: Community engagement to-date, location and history of the site, demolition needs, building footprint and overall square footage, uses and activities (particularly on the ground floor), transportation needs and parking proposed, building materials, design, and other aesthetic elements of the project, community uses, amenities and programs.

Windows were replaced, now have to go before the Historic Review Commission for retroactive approval. Muntons and sashes were removed. The house was sold, the former owner would be responsible for any retroactive changes, if any.

Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Are muttons between the glasses?	Within the glass and cannot be removed.
Is that the Historic issue in question?	Yes.
What was the year that the house was built?	About 90-100 years old. I did not look this up.
Houses on my street that was torn down had muttons on the top and clear on the bottom.	That seemed to be prevalent at the time
How big are the sashes that could be added?	1 st floor are 3 feet wide by 4 .5 feet tall approximately
Does the Historic Review Commission bring this to your attention?	A building inspector brought it to the owners attention. It is a part of the Murray Hill Avenue City Historic District.

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Does anyone think that these windows look out of place?	...
There seems to be no strong reason to replace these windows, they seem to be quality windows. However, since it is within a historic district it should fit the context and guidelines. Muttons seems from the wrong decade.	Unsure of the precedence.
What body approves this?	Historic Review Commission.
Can it be retroactive?	I am not sure. I do not believe so.
Did they have a building permit?	Yes.
What is our role at this point?	Have to go RCO process in order to go through the retroactive approval.
Typically stain glass on the first floor. They look out of context/lack integrity.	I doubt that there was stain glass when this was replaced.
	Lawyer texted stating that the entry door was sent to HRC then the windows.
Can the muttons be easily removed?... the damage has been done.	

Other Notes

Do not want to set a precedence where it is ok to skip the process, however this does not seem to be done with

The Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition (SHUC) land and built environment committee recommended that this be accepted, without replacement and not recommend to the Historic Review commission.

However, due to this (City Review /RCO) process SHUC determined that this is beyond their prevue, so they decided not to take a position.

Planner completing report: Ose Akinlotan, Planner