

1659 Longfellow St. Boston-Edison Historic district

When the Owner submitted its initial package for project review in February, it was determined that the prior owner(s) had made changes/alterations to the home without prior/proper approval from the Historic District Commission (“HDC”). In the hopes that the Historic District Commission will understand why the current owner cannot undertake the large financial undertaking to replace the currently installed windows made by the prior owner, for which the current Owner made its initial application in February 2022, the current owner is addressing the prior alterations made nearly 20 years ago.

A. Windows

1. Description of existing conditions: The windows were installed by the prior owner of the property. White fusion welded vinyl windows were installed as described in the attached the brochure.
2. Description of project: It is our understanding that the existing windows could not be repaired and required to be replaced. The windows were also replaced in order to obtain energy smart windows.
3. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: All of the windows at the home were replaced. If you count each windowpane as one, a total of 48 windows were replaced. Otherwise, it is a total of 25 windows. The Owner is proposing to remove the vinyl around and between the window panes and will paint the original finish with color B-19 from Benjamin Moore – Aura waterborne exterior paint – satin N631 (information sheet attached). In addition, the Owner will install muntins on the front windows and the side windows that are visible from the front street from New Panes Creations (<https://www.newpanes.com/>). The color will be the same Benjamin Moore B-19.

B. Siding

1. Description of existing conditions: The color of the siding at the front of the house at the roof bump out was not previously approved by the HDC. In addition, the siding on the side and back of the side of the house was never approved by the HDC.
2. Description of project. The prior owner(s) added siding to the front roof bump, as well as, siding on the side and the back of the house.
3. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: The Owner will paint the siding throughout the house with Benjamin Moore A-9.

C. East Elevation Bump Out

1. Description of existing conditions: Vinyl siding was placed on the east elevation bump out and a window was removed without HDC approval.
2. Description of project. The prior owner(s) added siding to the east elevation bump out and removed a window that was in the east elevation bump out.
3. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: The Owner will remove the vinyl siding on the east elevation bump out and return it to its previous stucco format and paint it with Benjamin Moore A-9. The Owner is proposing to not reinstall the window based on the current usage of the room.

D. Unpainted Porch and Railing at the back of the house

4. Description of existing conditions: The porch and railing at the back of the house was not painted.
5. Description of project. The prior owner(s) added and/or repaired the porch and railing at the back of the house but never painted it.
6. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: The Owner will paint the porch and railing at the back of the house with Benjamin Moore A-9.

E. Boarding up of small west elevation window.

7. Description of existing conditions: The small west elevation window was boarded up.
8. Description of project. The prior owner(s) boarded up the west elevation window.
9. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: The area on the inside is a kitchen backsplash so the Owner is proposing to not reinstall a window. Instead, the Owner will remove the boards and stucco the area with Benjamin Moore A-9.

F. Front door color.

10. Description of existing conditions: The front door color is not an approved color.
11. Description of project. The prior owner(s) painted the door with an unapproved color and/or changed it from the color that it was in 1980.

12. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: The Owner is proposing to paint the front door with Benjamin Moore A-9/B-19.

G. Two doors at the back of the house (upper and lower porch).

13. Description of existing conditions: The two doors were not painted with an approved color.

14. Description of project. The prior owner(s) painted the two doors with an unapproved color.

15. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: The Owner is proposing to paint the two doors with Benjamin Moore A-9/B-19.

H. Piers at the front of the house.

16. Description of existing conditions: The piers at the front of the house are taller and a different color brick from the house.

17. Description of project. At some point in the past, the prior owner(s) repaired/replaced the piers at the front of the house with different color brick from the house and made the piers taller.

18. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: The Owner is proposing to keep the piers as is.

I. Glass block basement windows.

19. Description of existing conditions: Glass blocks windows were placed in the basement windows.

20. Description of project. The prior owner(s) placed glass block windows in the basement.

21. Detailed scope of proposed work for approval: The Owners proposed to install a screen in front of the glass block basement windows with same color that matches the windows on the house – A-9.