### ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

## **Staff Report**

ADDRESS: 220 South Main Street, Application Number HDC12-043

**DISTRICT:** Main Street Historic District

**REPORT DATE:** June 4, 2012

REPORT PREPARED BY: Katie Remensnyder, Interim Historic Preservation Coordinator

REVIEW COMMITTEE DATE: Monday, June 11 for the Thursday, June 14, 2012 HDC meeting

OWNER APPLICANT

Name: Jim & John Curtis Same

Curtis Commercial LLC

Address: 345 S Main Street, Suite #218

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

**Phone:** (734) 761-6170

**BACKGROUND:** This three-story brick commercial building was built in 1900. The first occupant was Arnold Jewelers. At one time the three-story Mack and Company flanked it to the south, but that building was reduced to one story in 1939, leaving the south wall of 220 exposed.

The applicant applied to the HDC in May 2012 to replace the windows with single hung units and cap exterior wood components with anodized bronze aluminum. The application was postponed to allow the applicant an opportunity to revise his proposal in response to HDC comments.

**LOCATION:** The site is located on the west side of South Main Street, between West Washington Street and West Liberty Street.

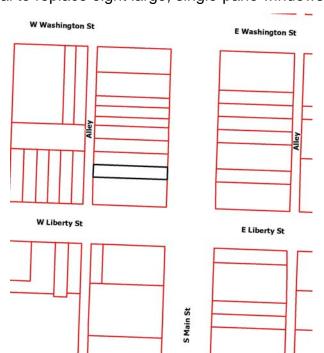
APPLICATION: The applicant seeks HDC approval to replace eight large, single-pane windows

with new aluminum "tilt turn and hopper windows."

### APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

# From the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation:

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



pictorial evidence.

# From the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (other SOI Guidelines may also apply):

<u>Recommended:</u> Identifying, retaining, and preserving windows – and their functional and decorative features – that are important in defining the overall historic character of the building. Such features can include frames, sash, muntins, glazing, sills, heads, hoodmolds, paneled or decorated jambs and molding, and interior and exterior shutters and blinds.

Repairing window frames and sash by patching, splicing, consolidating or otherwise reinforcing. Such repair may also include replacement in kind of those parts that are either extensively deteriorated or are missing when there are surviving prototypes such as architraves, hoodmolds, sash, sills, and interior or exterior shutters and blinds.

Replacing in kind an entire window that is too deteriorated to repair – if the overall form and detailing are still evident – using the physical evidence to guide the new work. If using the same kind of material is not technically or economically feasible, then a compatible substitute material may be considered.

<u>Not Recommended:</u> Retrofitting or replacing windows rather than maintaining the sash, frame, and glazing.

Replacing an entire window when repair of materials and limited replacement of deteriorated or missing parts are appropriate.

Removing or radically changing windows which are important in defining the overall historic character of the building so that, as a result, the character is diminished.

Changing the historic appearance of windows through the use of inappropriate designs, materials, finishes, or colors which noticeably change the sash, depth of reveal, and muntin configuration; the reflectivity and color of the glazing; or the appearance of the frame.

Obscuring historic window trim with metal or other material.

Installing new windows, including frames, sash, and muntin configuration that are incompatible with the building's historic appearance or obscure, damage, or destroy character-defining features.

### STAFF FINDINGS

1. The windows that are proposed to be replaced are located on the front elevation and are character-defining features of the building. There are four large single pane windows each on the second and third floors. These windows are apparently constructed to open by pivoting on a central pin. The windows that are proposed to replace these large center-pivot windows are custom-made Marvin aluminum "tilt turn and hopper windows." These windows open towards the inside and can function as both a casement window and a hopper window. The applicant states that because of the large size of the windows, aluminum is necessary to provide the necessary structural support rather than wood. The proposed windows have no railings or muntins and are very similar in appearance to the existing windows.

- 2. The exterior wood casing and trim will be restored and repainted, rather than capped in anodized bronze aluminum as originally proposed.
- Refer to the staff report prepared for the May 10, 2012 Historic District Commission meeting for the applicant's statements and staff's finding regarding the condition and concerns of the existing windows.
- 4. Staff will make a recommendation at the HDC meeting regarding these windows, after a comprehensive review of their condition is completed at the Review Committee visit.

**POSSIBLE MOTIONS:** (Note that the motion is only a suggestion. The Review Committee, consisting of staff and at least two Commissioners, will meet with the applicant on site and then make a recommendation at the meeting.)

I move that the Commission issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application at 220 S Main Street, a contributing property in the Main Street Historic District, to allow the replacement of eight windows and restoration of exterior woodwork as proposed. The proposed work is compatible in exterior design, arrangement, texture, material and relationship to the surrounding resources and meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* and *Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, in particular standard 6, and the Guidelines for Windows.

### **MOTION WORKSHEET:**

I move that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work at <u>220 South Main Street</u> in the <u>Main Street</u> Historic District

\_\_\_\_ Provided the following condition(S) is (ARE) met: 1) STATE CONDITION(s)

The work is generally compatible with the size, scale, massing, and materials and meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, standard(S) number(S) (circle all that apply): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

**ATTACHMENTS:** application, drawing, photo.

220 South Main Street (2007 photo)

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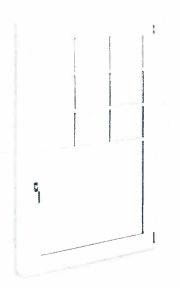
# 220 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor Michigan Second and Third Floor Window Replacement Historical Commission Application:

# **Application Question:**

- 1) We wish to replace the second and third floor large, lower, single pane, fixed, clear, regular glass windows (4 per floor) with custom made Marvin "Tilt turn and hopper windows" on the north and south openings of each floor, while the two central windows per floor would be the same product but fixed, non-operable windows, as shown on attached exhibits. These windows would be low-e thermo clear glass, while the operable windows would open toward the inside, rather than out. These windows would not have any railings or muntins. All of the existing exterior wood casing structure and trim would be restored and repainted with no changes. The four custom made replacement windows, per floor, would be nearly identical to the existing exterior appearance of the current windows' size, width. shape, trim and color. In order to achieve structural integrity for these very large operable windows, it would be necessary to utilize aluminum over wood structural frame given the size and weight of the units. The manufacturer can custom make these lower windows from nineteen color choices, one of which is identical to the color of the exterior wood, though we may wish a more subtle one. Color coordinating the repainting of the wood exterior with the selected color of the new windows would virtually blend the new with the old. With regard to the four upper leaded glass windows per floor, there would be no change, except to properly prep, caulk, and double paint the exterior for a longest term preservation.
- 2) Our reasons for this are: 1) that the existing large windows do not allow direct fresh air and comfort; 2) that tenant energy costs are excessive due to existing inoperable, single pane windows, and; 3) that the inability to safely and reliably jerry-rig the existing large windows with much heavier and operable thermo, tempered, low-e glass. This proposal maintains the exterior appearance by restoring all exterior wood trim and casing detail, while providing a long term and safe window system that allows for energy and comfort benefits to the occupants. Further, the exterior of the leaded glass windows will not be altered in any way. Interiorly, the leaded glass windows will have thermo, low-e removable glass panels, to maximize heat and a/c retention within the tenant spaces. The exterior framing around all of the windows, the main vertical and horizontal beams with pencil detail, and the window stiles will be unchanged, but restored and repainted.
- 3) The existing windows are single pane and do not operate and are very poor insulators, creating major problems with heat loss during the winter and major a/c loss during the summer, causing the tenants to pay excessive utility bills. The

- existing large wood window frames are not suitable to be retro fitted for heavier thermo glass windows which would also open.
- 4) Our reasons for the replacement is based upon answers 1) and 2), as well as the need to minimize the constant and lengthy significant disturbance to the first, second, and third floor tenants and the retail stores on the same block. Having to set up scaffolding to scrape, paint, and repair the existing windows creates a major loss of revenue to not only the tenants of this building, but the entire block. It is the wishes of our tenants, our neighboring retail store owners, and our building to minimize the disturbances of constant window repairs. For this reason, we are proposing to extensively restore exterior wood in order to provide the longest period of time until the next restoration is necessary.
- 5) The proposed detail of the four large windows, per floor, reflect the nearly identical measurements that presently exist.









Turn the handle and the window opens like a door. Turn it some more and it locks the bottom of the sash into the frame, tilting the top in to allow generous air exchange.

**INTERIOR** 

**EXTERIOR** 

TILT TURN OPERATION

# THE WINDOW THAT ACTS LIKE A DOOR.

Once you see the versatility and style of our Tilt Turn and Hopper windows, you'll understand why they're so popular in Europe. Tilt Turns swing open like a door or tilt at the top of the sash for overhead ventilation. One simple handle controls all the action. An emergency exit, a window and a door all built into one. The Hopper is situated horizontally, so it virtually "scoops" air into the room. Add your own preferences for finish and hatdware options, and these windows are nothing short of amazing.

### STANDARD FEATURES

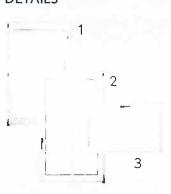
- One-lite Lo $\bar{E}^2$ -272 $^{\circ}$  with Argon insulating glass
- · Bronze handle
- · Bare wood interior
- · All wood brick mould casing (wood units)
- Extruded aluminum clad exterior (clad units)
- · 2 <sup>13</sup>/<sub>32</sub>" (61 mm) jambs

## **HARDWARE**

**HANDLE** 



# **DETAILS**



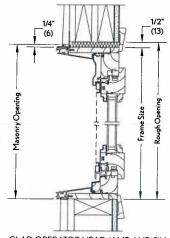
1 STANDARD TILT TURN

2 SIMULATED DOUBLE HUNG

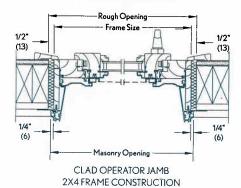
3 HOPPER

# **CLAD TILT TURN AND HOPPER**

## CONSTRUCTION DETAILS



CLAD OPERATOR HEAD JAMB AND SILL 2X4 FRAME CONSTRUCTION



CLAD OPERATOR HEAD JAMB AND SILL 2X6 FRAME CONSTRUCTION

Rough Opening

Frame Size

CLAD OPERATOR JAMB 2X6 FRAME CONSTRUCTION

Masonry Opening

## CLAD TILT TURN/HOPPER

ENERGY DATA	<b>U-Factor</b>	SHGC	VT	CR	<b>ENERGY STAR</b>
7/8" Insulating Glass Air	0.46	0.51	0.54	43	SOUTH REAL
7/8" Insulating Glass Air LoĒ-180™	0.36	0.46	0.51	53	
7/8" Insulating Glass Argon LoĒ-180™	0.33	0.46	0.51	56	
7/8" Insulating Glass LoDz-272® Air	0.35	0.28	0.47	54	SC
7/8" Insulating Glass LoDz-272® Argon	0.32	0.27	0.47	58	NC, SC, S
7/8" Insulating Glass Lodz 366® Air	0.34	0.18	0.42	55	SC, S
7/8" Insulating Glass LoE <sup>3</sup> 366® Argon	0.31	0.18	0.42	58	NC, SC, S
1° Tri-Pane LoĒ-180™ Argon LoĒ-180™	0.26	0.37	0.45	61	N, NC
1° Tri-Pane LoĒ-180™ Krypton-Argon LoĒ-180™	0.24	0.38	0.45	61	N, NC
1" Tri-Pane LoDz-272® Argon LoDz-272®	0.25	0.23	0.37	61	N, NC, SC, S
1" Tri-Pane LoĒ <sup>2</sup> -272® Krypton-Argon LoĒ <sup>2</sup> -272®	0.23	0.23	0.37	61	N, NC, SC, S
1° Tri-Pane Lodz 366® Argon LoĒ-180™	0.26	O.17	0.37	61	N, NC, SC, S
1" Tri-Pane LoĒ <sup>3</sup> 366® Krypton-Argon LoĒ-180 <sup>™</sup>	0.24	0.17	0.37	61	N, NC, SC, S

# WOOD AND CLAD MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM MEASUREMENTS

GLASS TYPE	Minimum RO Width	Minimum RO Height	Maximum RO Width	Maximum RO Height	Maximum Glass Size per Sash
	Magnum Hop	per			
Insulating Glass	24" (610)	20" (508)	72" (1829)	60" (1524)	21.0 Sq. Feet (1.95 Sq. Meters)
	Tilt Turn Insw	ing Operator/Stat	tionary		
Insulating Glass	See your Marvir	representative for fu	rther information		

 $<sup>4\,9/16</sup>$ " jamb or Hopper units that exceed frame size  $64\,x\,48$  (1626 x 1218) are not certified.

720 S. MAIN
PROPOSED - AND. PROPOSAL

Window Specifications

Refer to the criteria below for proper measurements. For cases of necessary replacement, the Historic District Commission requires that a new window meet all of the following criteria:

The viewable profile dimensions of the exterior rails and stiles are within 1/4" of the original.	Head Detail	The window unit type matches the original (double-hung, casement, etc.)
Sash Face Existing Proposed		Window Type  Do the proposed windows' types match the existing types?  Except Chow (
Distance		Yes No
The distance from sash face to back of casing is within 1/8" of the original dimensions, but not less than 3/8"total.		The number and location of muntins matches the original.
Profiles Existing Proposed Distance		Muntins Does the count and arrangement of muntins match the original?  Yes No
The casing width and thickness (including drip cap, if applicable) are		
Casing Thickness  Existing Proposed	Jamb Detail	The distance from glass surface to exterior surface of muntin, rail and stile is at least 3/8"; AND the exterior surface of the unit's glass insets in the sash is within 1/8" of the original.
Distance 2/4*		Glass Inset Existing Proposed
Casing Width  Existing Proposed  Distance		Distance MA MA
Distance		The glass size remains within 90% of
The sill is similar in pitch to the original, extends to the outer edge of casing, and		the original in both directions.  Glass Size
has a thickness within 1/8" of the original.		Existing Proposed Height C5'14 Some
Sill Pitch Existing Proposed  ON CHANGED Distance	*	Width 41'/2 Some
Distance		Refer to Window Resource List for
Sill Thickness  Existing Proposed  On Cittle GED		those individuals and companies who may be equipped to aid in the window evaluation/repair.
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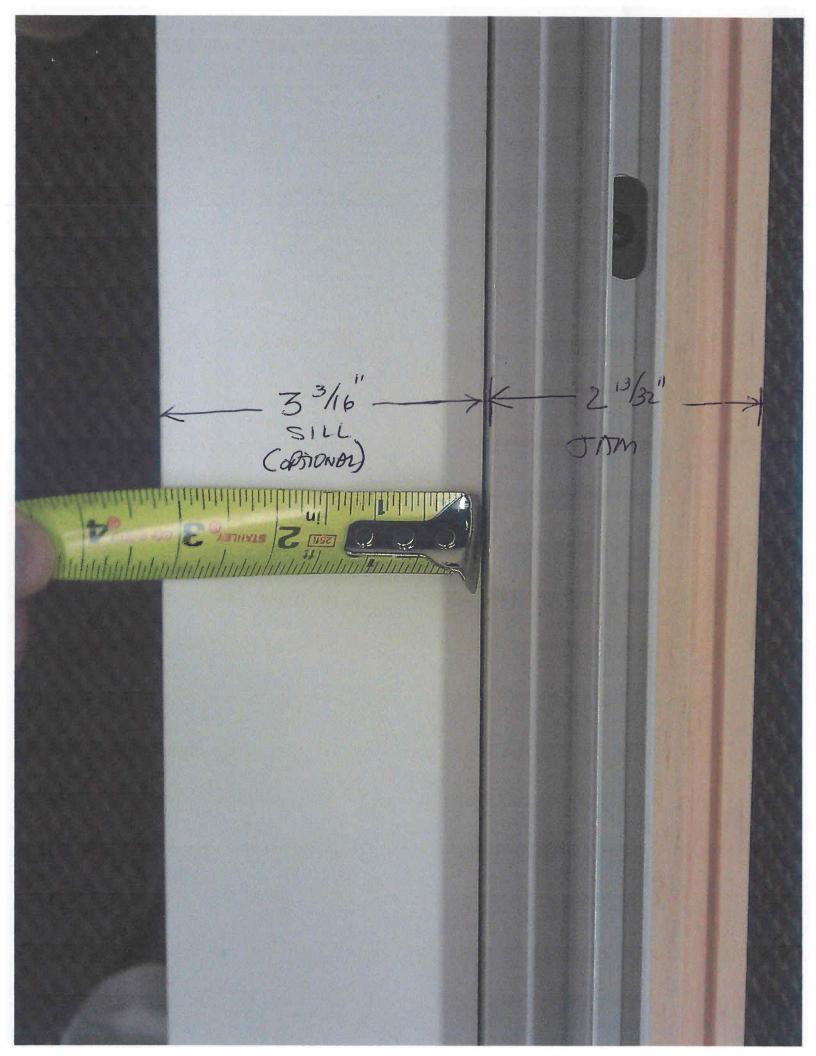
220 S. MAIN INSIDE VERTICAL OPENING Schrock Patra





OUTSIDE VIEW: HORIZONTAL OPENING











-WINDOW CAN BE PURCHASED WITH OR WHANT SILL I JAIN OUTSIDE N



# City of Ann Arbor

# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES — PLANNING SERVICES

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## ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION

Section 1: Property Being Reviewed and Ownership Information				
Address of Property: 220 S. MAIN STREET, A, M).				
Historic District:				
Name of Property Owner (If different than the applicant):				
Address of Property Owner: 343 S. MAIN STREET STITE # 218				
Daytime Phone and E-mail of Property Owner: (334) 761-6170  Signature of Property Owner: Date: 3/29/2012				
Signature of Property Owner:				
Section 2: Applicant Information				
Name of Applicant:				
Address of Applicant:				
Daytime Phone: () Some Fax:()				
E-mail: JIM OCURTIS COMMERCIALLE, COM				
Applicant's Relationship to Property:ownerarchitectcontactorother				
Signature of applicant: Date: 3/25/2012				
Section 3: Building Use (check all that apply)				
Residential Single Family Multiple Family Rental				
Commercial Institutional				
Section 4: Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act (This item MUST BE INITIALED for your application to be PROCESSED)				
Public Act 169, Michigan's Local Historic Districts Act, was amended April 2004 to include the following language: "the applicant has certified in the application that the property where the work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed completion date, a a fire alarm or smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531."  Please initial here				



Section 5: Description of Proposed Changes	(attach additional sheets as necessary)
Provide a brief summary of proposed char	anges.
2. Provide a description of existing condition	ns
3. What are the reasons for the proposed cl	hanges?
Attach any additional information that will these attachments here.	further explain or clarify the proposal, and indicate
5. Attach photographs of the existing proper photos of proposed work area.	rty, including at least one general photo and detailed
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	Application toStaff or X HDC  Fee Paid: 100. 00 - Under HDC12-042
	Date of Public Hearing: 5/10/12
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Staff signature:	HDC NTP Staff COA
Comments:	

# 220 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor Michigan Second and Third Floor Window Replacement Historic District Commission Application:

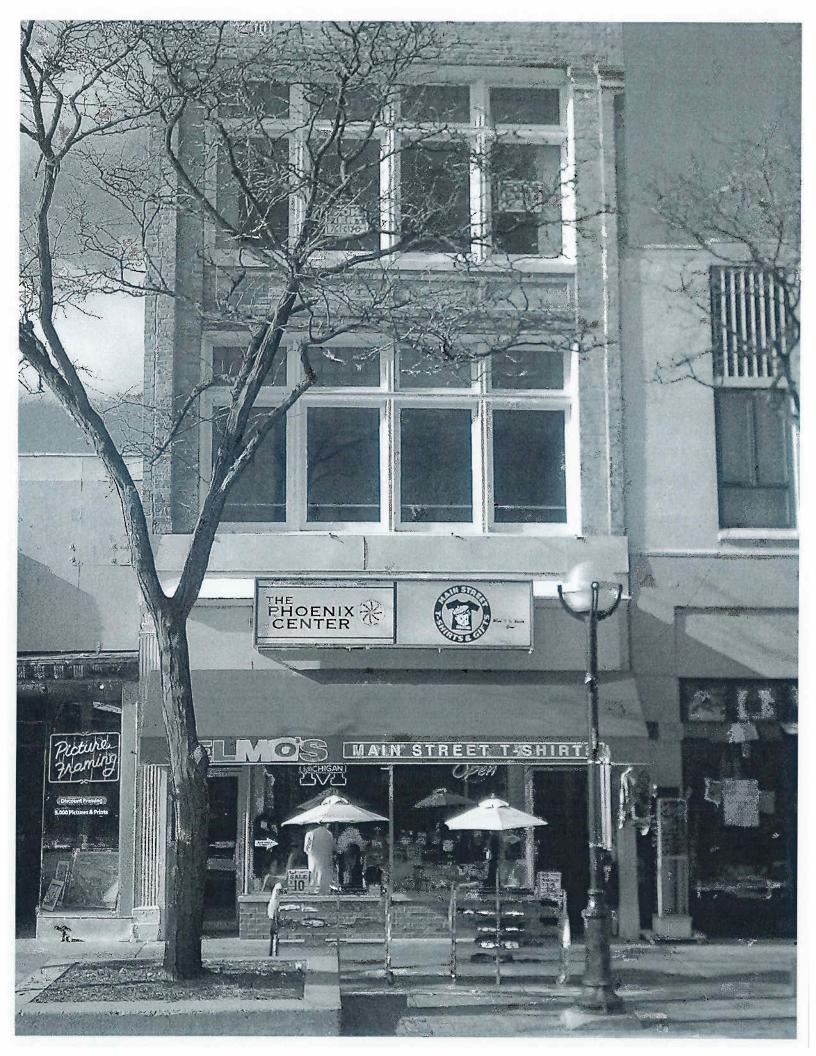
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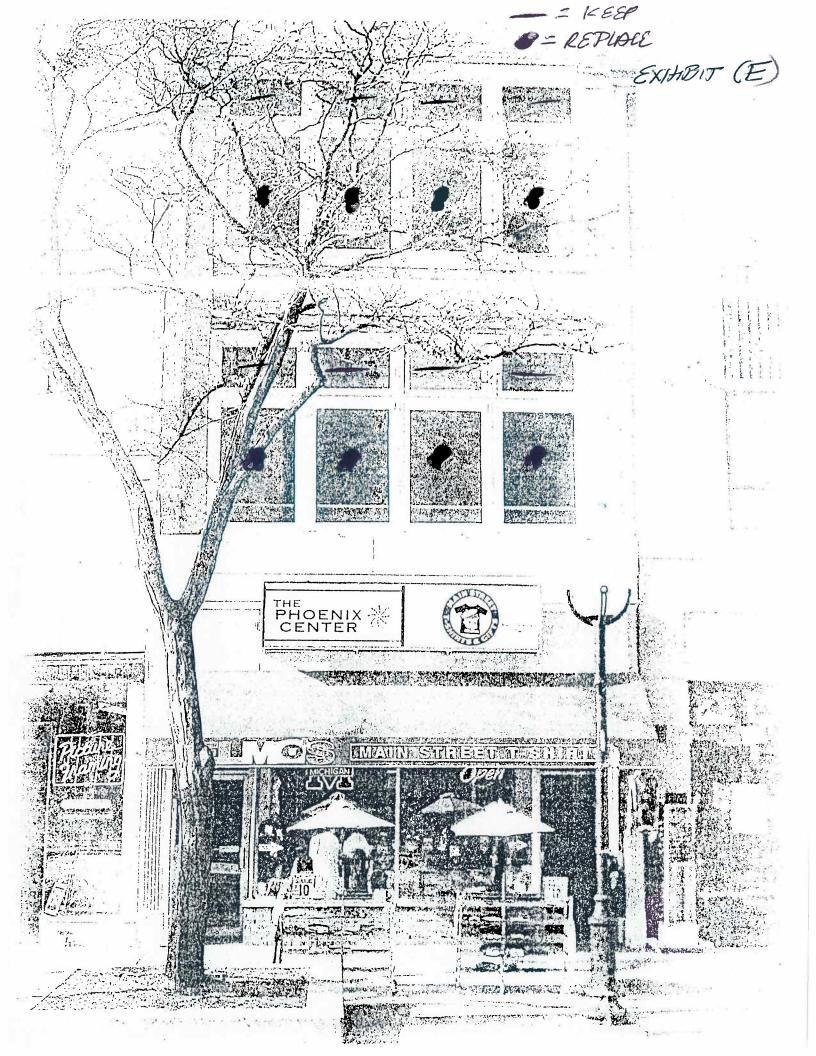
- 1. We wish to replace the Main Street second and third floor single pane, fixed, clear glass windows with single hung, thermo, clear low-e, and tempered windows. For the four larger windows on each floor, we wish to cap the existing sills, drip cap, and main horizontal and vertical beam wood structure with anodized bronze aluminum shown as (a) in Exhibits A, B, and C, remove the existing windows and wood sills shown as (b) in Exhibits A, B, and C, and replace with bronze anodized aluminum style framing as shown in exhibit D. Our reasons for this are: 1) that the window sills and stiles have significantly deteriorated; 2) that the existing windows do not allow tenants direct fresh air and comfort; and 3) that tenant energy costs are very excessive due to inoperable, single pane windows. For the four smaller leaded windows on each floor, we wish to cover the drip caps, existing casing (since the wood is not deteriorated) and window sills with anodized bronze aluminum. The exterior of the leaded glass windows will not be altered in any way. Interiorly, the leaded glass windows will have thermo, low-e, removable glass panels, in order to maximize heat and a/c retention. The framing around the windows, the main vertical and horizontal beams with pencil detail, and the window sill widths will all be equal or near to the existing dimensions and measurements. Thus, the look of the building, the main window framing and the window openings (except for single hung windows) will appear the same as before.
- 2. The existing windows are in very poor condition and are also very poor insulators, creating major heat loss and cooling problems, causing the tenants to pay excessive utility bills. The existing window wood framing is rotten, though the main wood framing (both vertically and horizontally) remains intact.
- 3. Our reasons for the replacement is based on answers 1 and 2, the need to minimize the constant and lengthy significant disturbance to the first, second, and third floor tenants, and the retail stores on the same block from having to repeatedly set up scaffolding to scrape, paint, and repair the existing windows every third year. Erecting scaffolding on the busiest section of Main Street, to repair and paint deteriorated wood would cause major revenue losses of our tenants and to all retail establishments on the same block. It is the wish of our tenants and business neighbors to minimize the disruption caused by constant window repairs.
- 4. The proposed detail to the horizontal and vertical main beams, as shown in Exhibit C, reflect the near replication of the building's existing wood trim detail. The proposed window detail is shown in Exhibit D. The proposed work would virtually equal the existing look of the building exterior, except the change to the single hung windows. Only the color of the windows, stiles, framing, and trim would changes from cream to bronze.

In closing, we urge the Commission to consider this project in light of the near replication of the existing look, and the needs of our building tenants as well as those of nearby stores and offices.

Sincerely,

Jim and John Curtis







April 6, 2012

To: Curtis Commercial

Fr: Diamond Glass & Feiner's

Re: Windows @ 220 S. Main, Ann Arbor

This letter is regarding the condition of the windows at 220 S Main St.

After inspection of the windows. It is the opinion of Diamond Glass & Feiner's that they are not repairable.

Rotted wood as well as the age of the windows and the fact that they are currently single pane annealed glass causes them to be well below current energy efficiency, and safety standards.

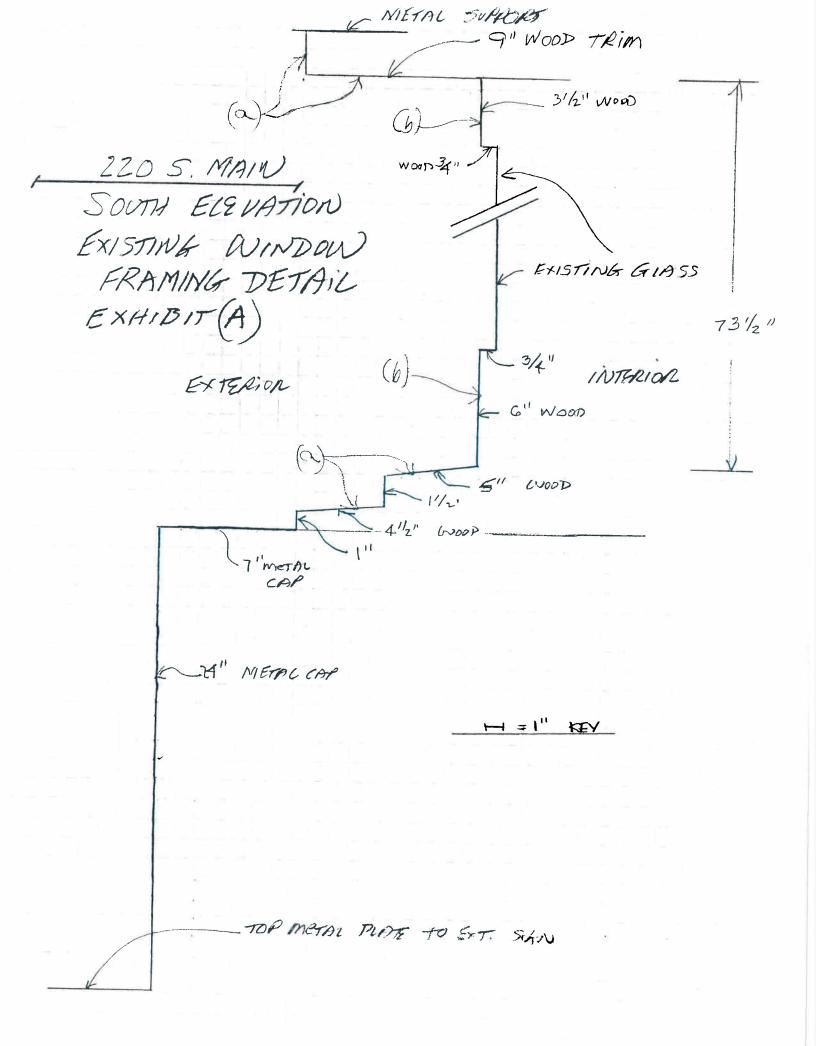
It's recommended that the windows be replaced in order to provide you with better energy efficiency, safety and functionality in meeting with current standards.

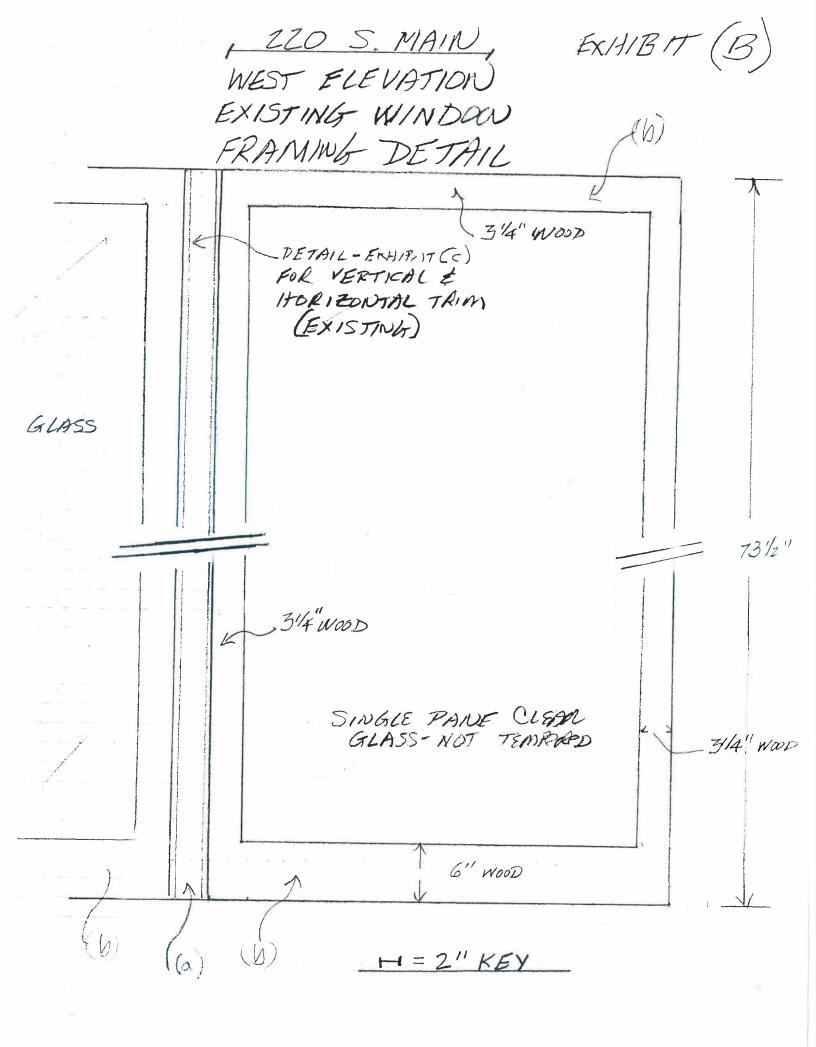
Sincerely,

Steve Payeur

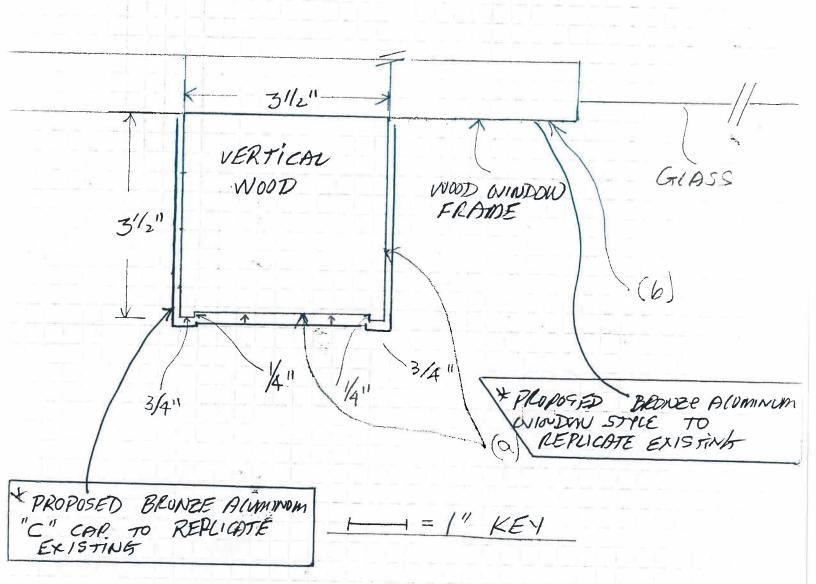
President

Diamond Glass & Feiner's inc.

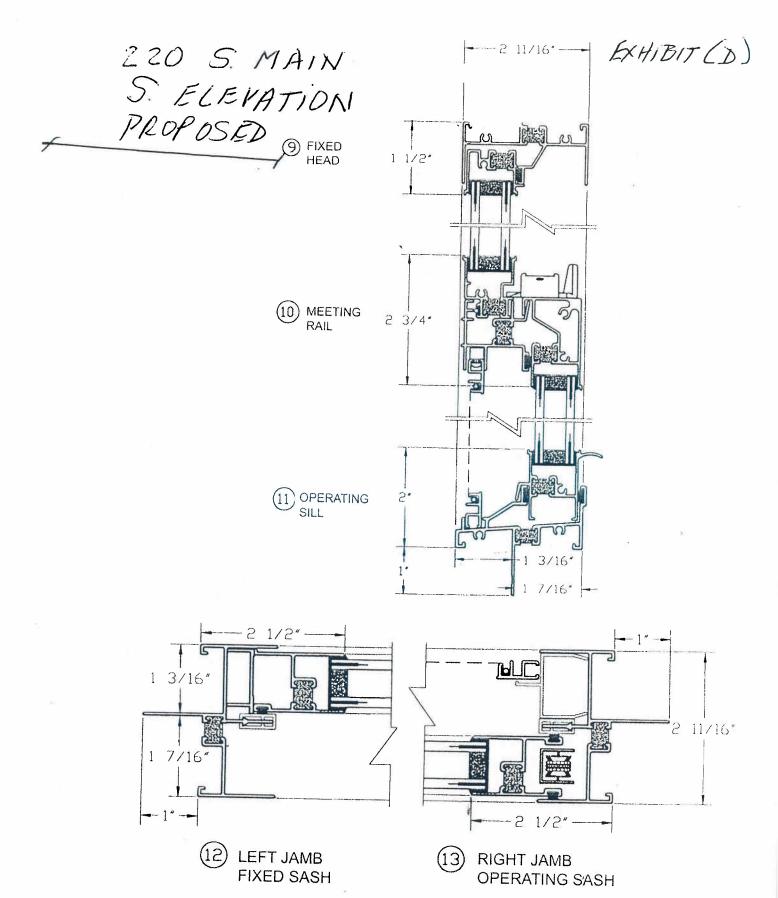




# ZZO S. MAIN EXHIBIT (C) VERTICAL COLUMN FRAME DETAIL



NOTE: VERTICLE DETAIL SAME AS HORIZONTAL



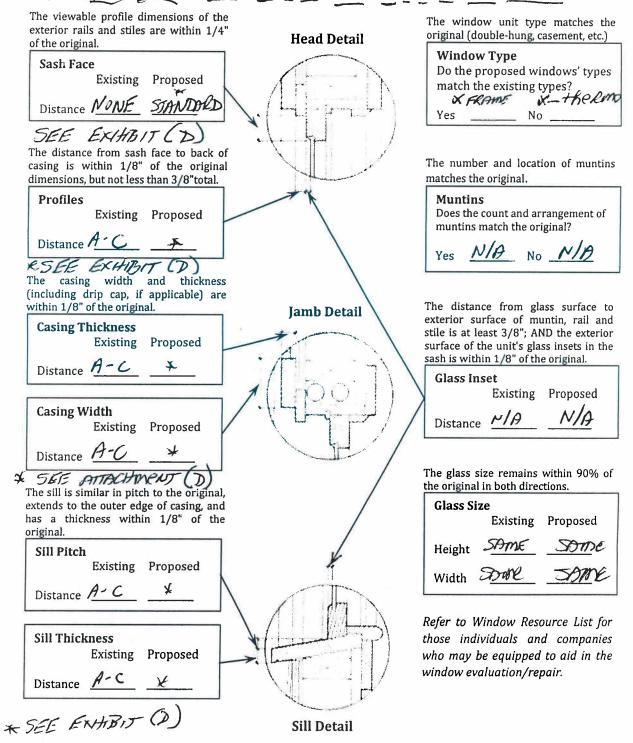
Window Specifications
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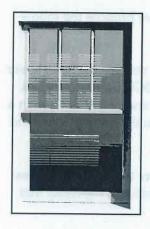
12.50	The viewable profile dimensions of the exterior rails and stiles are within 1/4" of the original.	Head Detail	The window unit type matches the original (double-hung casement, etc.)
TVP-314 51705-314 BOT-5"	Sash Face  Existing Proposed  Distance  B		Window Type Do the proposed windows' types match the existing types?  Yes No
	The distance from sash face to back of casing is within 1/8" of the original dimensions, but not less than 3/8"total.		The number and location of muntins matches the original.
	Profiles  Existing Proposed  Distance 3/4" 1.3/16"		Muntins Does the count and arrangement of muntins match the original?  Yes NO NO
	The casing width and thickness (including drip cap, if applicable) are within 1/8" of the original.	Jamb Detail	The distance from glass surface to exterior surface of muntin, rail and
- 7	Casing Thickness  Existing Proposed  3/4"  Distance 21/4" 2:1/16"		stile is at least 3/8"; AND the exterior surface of the unit's glass insets in the sash is within 1/8" of the original.  Glass Inset
	Casing Width  Existing Proposed  21/211  Distance 511 2 21		Existing Proposed  Distance MA MA
	The sill is similar in pitch to the original, extends to the outer edge of casing, and has a thickness within 1/8" of the original.		The glass size remains within 90% of the original in both directions.  Glass Size  Existing Proposed
	Sill Pitch  Existing Proposed  ON CHANGED EXCEPT  Distance METAL CAP		Height $\frac{65'4''}{41''2''} \frac{69''}{45''}$
	Sill Thickness  Existing Proposed  VNCHAMAGA EXE		Refer to Window Resource List for those individuals and companies who may be equipped to aid in the window evaluation/repair.

Sill Detail

## **Window Specifications**

Refer to the criteria below for proper measurements. For cases of necessary replacement, the Historic District Commission requires that a new window meet *all* of the following criteria:





# Wood Window Repair

# PROPOSAL

October 1, 2011

Jim Curtis Curtis Commercial LLC 343 S. Main St. Suite 218 Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Mr. Curtis:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to offer the following proposal to restore the windows on the third and forth floors above Elmo's Shop on Main Street.

You indicated that there are two objectives: first to improve the energy performance of the facade windows for the comfort of your tenants; and, secondly, to reduce the maintenance required on the exterior of the building. You are unhappy with the previous work that was done as paint has peeled in just a year and damage appears to have been done to the wood trim and frames.

The windows are large "Chicago-style" facade windows. Originally, the lower sashes operated by pivoting around pins at the mid-point of the jambs and tilting out. Although the hardware is there, the sashes have been sealed shut. They are heavy wood frames with plate glass. The transoms above, which have leaded glass panels in wood frames, are hoppers which pivot from hinges at the bottom and tilt into the room. The transoms are 52"x30" tall and the lower fixed sashes are 52"x76" tall. There are three sets on each floor.

I propose to head a team consisting of Adair Restoration, LLC and Ridge Painting to complete a restoration approach. You will contract separately with all three companies, as I can only assume the liability for my company. are living or visiting, we provide the standard level of protection. We will cover the floor in the area we are working to catch all paint chips. We use heat guns to remove paint on the window sills, jambs and trim, which does not produce dust. We dampen the jamb or sill before we scrape or sand to contain dust resulting from the final preparation. During clean-up we wipe down the window frame and all horizontal surfaces near the window with a damp rag. We then remove the plastic with the chips and debris and vacuum the floor with a HEPA vacuum. We remove all paint from the sashes in our shop, thus minimizing lead in your building.

### PRICE PROPOSAL:

- 1. Energy Improvement:
  - a. Large fixed glass sashes, Adair Restoration has given you a figure for that work. You will contract directly to him for that work.
  - b. 6 transoms, \$550.00 each. total for 6 = \$3,300.00
- 2. Maintenance Reduction
  - a. Ridge Painting will give you a proposal for the painting, including \$1,000 allowance for truck rental.

### **SCHEDULE**:

We can begin the work spring, 2012 and complete the restoration of the windows in approximately 6 weeks.

References are available upon request.

fom D. Sipes

Sincerely,

Lorri D. Sipes, Owner

Wood Window Repair