

20-COA-0185
500 W. Ormsby Ave.



Old Louisville Architectural Review Committee
Public Hearing

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Request

Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. The applicant seeks after-the-fact approval for the replacement of 32 previously replaced windows in the building with vinyl windows. The single double-hung window on the front façade had not been replaced previously and has been replaced with two vinyl double-hung windows.

Request

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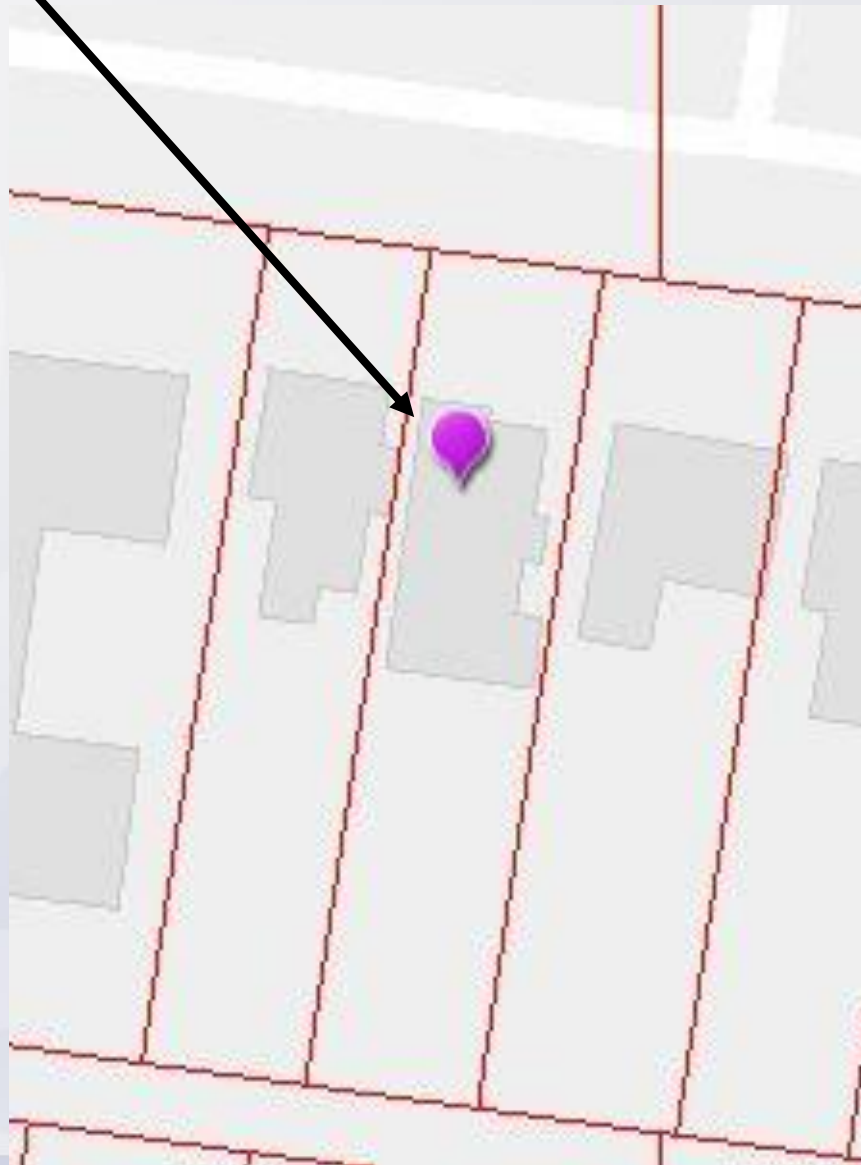
2. The applicant also seeks approval to repair / replace the wooden porch beam, and the repair and replacement of the cornice, frieze, and architrave with in-kind materials. This work would typically fall under general maintenance and would not require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Site Context / Background

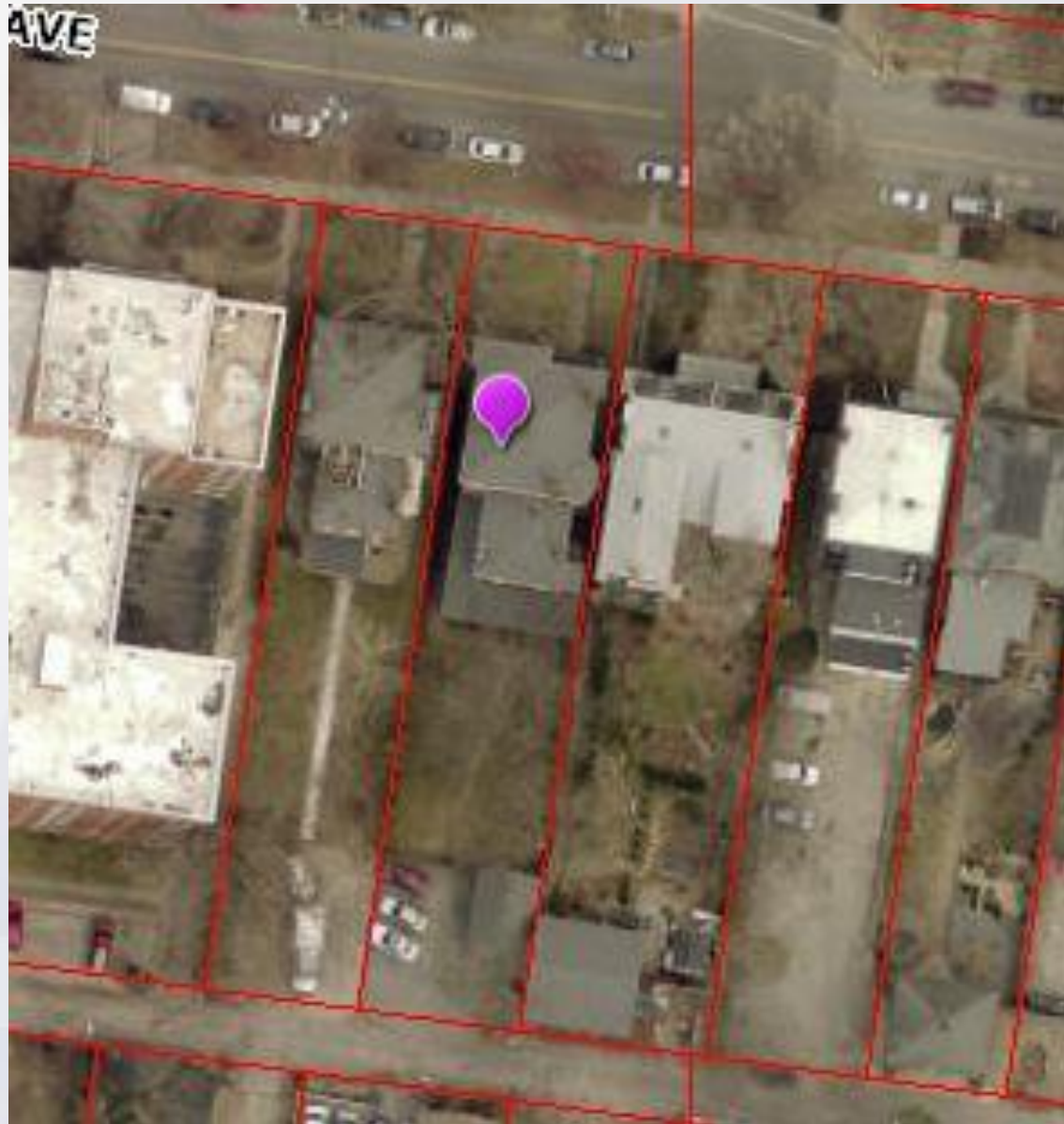
The building at 500 W. Ormsby Ave. was built circa 1900 in the Italianate Style. The three-story building is located 7 lots east of the intersection of S. 6th St. and W. Ormsby Ave. The property is zoned TNZD and located within the Traditional Neighborhood Form District. The brick masonry building sits on a rusticated limestone foundation.

Site Map

500 W. Ormsby Ave.



Aerial Image



Site Photos











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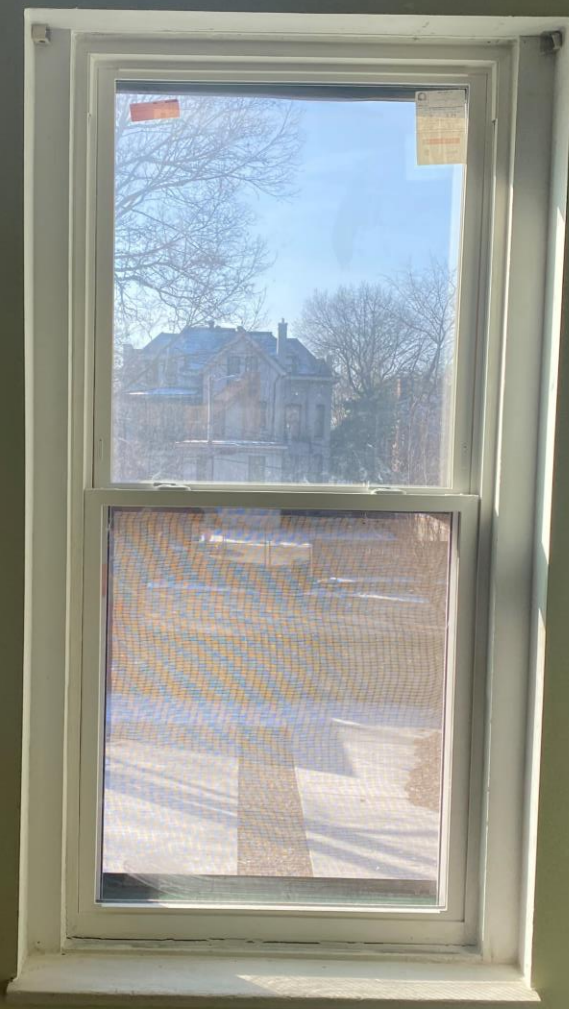




































Conclusion

- The proposed porch repair is classified as general maintenance.

Conclusion

- The after-the-fact replacement windows generally do not meet the **Window Design Guidelines** for Old Louisville. The large one-over-one double-hung wood window on the front façade has been replaced with two vinyl one-over-one double-hung windows. Staff is unable to recommend the after-the-fact proposal for the vinyl windows per **W6** and **W7** for the front façade, as well as **W14** which states not to alter the number, size, location, or shape of original windows seen from a public way.

Conclusion

- While the new replacement windows do replicate the configuration of the previous replacement wood windows that had been installed previously without a COA, they are vinyl units. It appears that the window openings had been altered by decreasing the openings to allow for stock size windows. This is in direct conflict with **W4** which states that window openings should never be filled in to allow for stock windows.

Recommendations

- **Recommendation**

Based on the information furnished by the applicant, staff recommends that the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness be **denied** for the after-the-fact window replacement for the front façade, first floor window from one window to two windows.

Recommendations

Based on the information furnished by the applicant, staff recommends that the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness be **approved with the following conditions** for the rest of the after-the-fact replacement windows on the front, sides, and rear facades.

Recommendations

1. The two first floor front replacement windows that have been put into what was previously the opening for a single double-hung window, shall be replaced with a wood window that both fits the historic window opening, and original window configuration.
2. All other windows appear to have been previously replaced or altered and no longer have historic integrity, should these be changed again in the future the applicant shall notify staff prior to work being done.

Recommendations

3.The glass shall not be smoked, tinted, low-E, or reflective. Clear low-E glass is permissible.

4.If the design or materials change for the windows or porch, the applicant shall contact staff for review and approval.