

Supplemental Information from Owner
3331 Powelton Avenue



Proposed compromise plan for 3331 Powelton Avenue

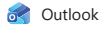
From Yuhua Wang <yuhuwang9920@yahoo.com>
Date Fri 6/5/2026 1:22 PM
To Allyson Mehley <Allyson.Mehley@Phila.gov>; preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>
Cc John Hume <jhume32@hotmail.com>

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Dear historical committee members,

We propose a compromise solution to address the window issue at 3331 Powelton Ave. We plan to restore all the brick molds back to original condition using a historical preservation architect as an adviser. Or, we are willing to work with a historical preservation architect that the committee recommends.

Sincerely,
Yuhua and John



3331 Powelton Ave windows

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Dear Allyson and committee members,

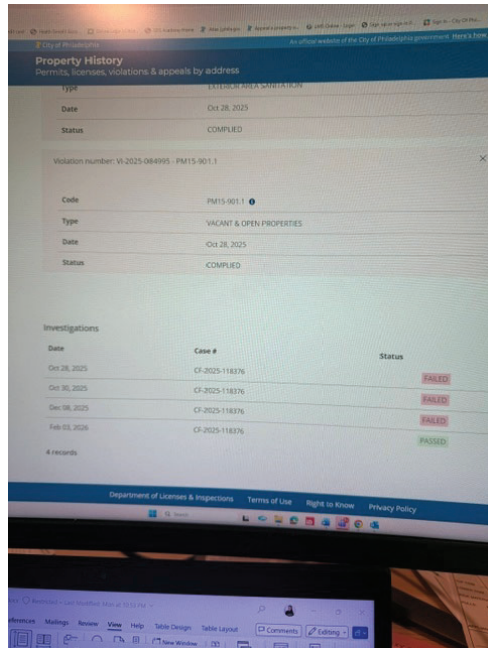
After the Architectural Committee meeting on May 26, 2026, we feel it is very important for us to clarify things. There were misunderstandings, or factual incorrect, especially the time sequence of events led to the replacement of windows. I heard you were asked to investigate the old windows, so I am sending the old pictures I took last August. I am happy to go to your office to physically show all the pictures I have.

First, the project started in late May of 2025 after diligent selection of contractors. After consulting structure engineer, the first thing we did was to fix the cracked rear wall (north side) on the third floor, rebuilding the small areas below the windows and adding a steel header to the two windows. To prevent leaks into the house, the new area below the window was bit higher. Soon after, in June, we talked to Allyson over the phone about the wall repairs as her office noticed. I also asked her for information on window replacement requirements. She would send reference to us. Now I recall John mentioned to me Pella windows was on the list of references, my impression was we could use the comparable windows as long as matching the old ones.

However, two months later, on Sep 5, 2025, the STOP order issued by L&I for the basement work (L&I File Number: CF-2025-097081). Nobody was allowed to go into the house until new permit was issued.

On October 28, 2025, we received L&I violations saying we needed to close all the windows, otherwise daily fine would follow after the deadline. See the violation below posted on the website. We contacted L&I to seek advice. A person from a L&I office who oversee the violation gave us permission to go into the house to install and close the windows even under the "STOP" work order. Nobody mentioned to us we needed to get approval from your committee. We also thought just like the building permit process, L&I was linked to historical committee and made aware of or already had the committee blessing as long as we matched the old windows.

On Dec 8, 2025, we received final notice of the violation warning to close the windows because we had not done it yet. Finally, the customized windows arrived while we were in China, my contractors replaced the missing or existing double hung windows.



Below you can see the pictures I took on August 27, 2025 around 4:30 pm, showing the front windows could not shut, side double hung windows fell off, broken or couldn't shut because of the rotting mold inside and outside.

Front windows





Side windows



6/5/26, 2:20 PM

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As you can see all old windows were white doubles hung vinyl windows, they were non-historic windows, poor quality and glasses easily fell off.

Here are the matching new windows, we cannot see the difference, other than the brick mold needs to be installed for all of them.

