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HPO File No. HP2025 0121

915 Harvard St Houston Heights South

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Applicant: Thea Richardson, owner

Property: Lot 9, Block 230, Houston Heights South Subdivision. The property includes a one

and a half-story wood frame 2,476 square foot single-family residence and

detached garage situated on a 6,600 square foot interior lot.

Significance: Contributing craftsman residence, constructed circa 1920 with non-contributing garage

located

in the Houston Heights South Historic District

Proposal: Replace (3) non-original windows West Elevation, facing street, on 2nd story dormer.

- Proposed replacement set of 3 windows, 2nd story, dormer, double-hung all wood windows, equally divided 1-over-1, same opening, with wavy tempered glass.
- Attempt to salvage existing exterior window trim.
- If existing exterior window trim cannot be salvaged, replica trim will be fabricated.
- Exterior Cedar lap siding will be replaced as needed with the same siding profile.

Public Comment: No public comment received.

Civic Association: No comment received.

ALL NEW WINDOWS MUST BE INSET 1% Inches – See Attachment 1-over-1 Windows Must Be Equally Horizontally Divided

Recommendation: Approval

HAHC Action: -

Note: All materials in exterior walls, including windows, siding, framing lumber, and interior shiplap (if originally present) must be retained except where removal or replacement has been explicitly approved per this Certificate. Shiplap is an integral structural component of the exterior wall assembly in balloon framed structures and removal can cause torquing, twisting and collapse of exterior walls. Shiplap may be carefully shored and removed in small portions to insulate, run wire or plumbing, and should be replaced when the work is complete. Maintenance and minor in-kind repairs of exterior materials may be undertaken without HAHC approval, but if extensive damage of any exterior wall element is encountered during construction, contact staff before removing or replacing the materials. A revised COA may be required.

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COA valid for two years from effective date. COA is in addition to any other permits or approvals required by municipal, state and federal law. Permit plans must be stamped by Planning & Development Department for COA compliance prior to submitting for building or sign permits. Any revisions to the approved project scope may require a new COA.

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APPROVAL CRITERIA

ALTERATIONS, REHABILITATIONS, RESTORATIONS AND ADDITIONS

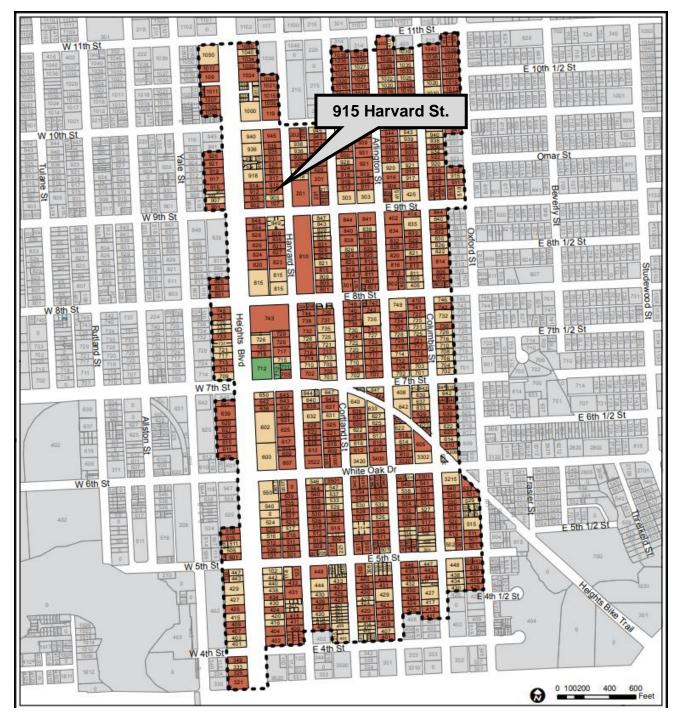
Sec. 33-241: HAHC shall issue a certificate of appropriateness for the alteration, rehabilitation, restoration or addition of an exterior feature of (i) any landmark, (ii) protected landmark, (iii) any building, structure or object that is part of an archaeological site, or (iv) contributing building in a historic district upon finding that the application satisfies the following criteria, as applicable:

S	D	NA		S - satisfies D - does not satisfy NA - not applicable
			(1)	The proposed activity must retain and preserve the historical character of the property; Proposed windows will be a nearly exact replica of existing, matching details, thus preserving historic character of the property.
			(2)	The proposed activity must contribute to the continued availability of the property for a contemporary use; <i>Proposed windows will protect home from water incursion and heating and cooling from extreme weather.</i>
\boxtimes			(3)	The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance;
			(4)	The proposed activity must preserve the distinguishing qualities or character of the building, structure, object or site and its environment; <i>Proposed windows</i>
			(5)	The proposed activity must maintain or replicate distinctive stylistic exterior features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize the building, structure, object or site; <i>Proposed windows are a nearly exact replica of existing, matching details, thus preserving historic character of the property.</i>
			(6)	New materials to be used for any exterior feature excluding what is visible from public alleys must be visually compatible with, but not necessarily the same as, the materials being replaced in form, design, texture, dimension and scale; <i>Proposed windows will be constructed of wood, replicating existing windows.</i>
			(7)	The proposed replacement of exterior features, if any, should be based on an accurate duplication of features, substantiated by available historical, physical or pictorial evidence, where that evidence is available, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other structures; <i>Proposed windows will replicate features of existing windows</i> .
\boxtimes			(8)	Proposed additions or alterations must be done in a manner that, if removed in the future, would leave unimpaired the essential form and integrity of the building, structure, object or site;
			(9)	The proposed design for any exterior alterations or addition must not destroy significant historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural material, including but not limited to siding, windows, doors and porch elements; Existing windows are part of non-original dormer addition done sometime after 1951 per BLA archive documents. The existing windows have experienced repeated storm damage, they have decaying wood and are missing hardware.
\boxtimes			(10)	The proposed alteration or addition must be compatible with the massing, size, scale material and character of the property and the context area; and <i>No change to size, scale or materials.</i>
			(11)	The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance to the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area.
				HEIGHTS DESIGN GUIDELINES
\boxtimes				In accordance with Sec. 33-276, the proposed activity must comply with the City Council approved Design Guidelines. <i>To change to measurable standards.</i>

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PROPERTY LOCATION

HOUSTON HEIGHTS SOUTH HISTORIC DISTRICT

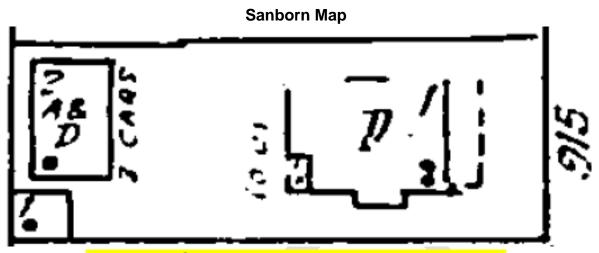


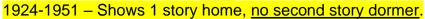
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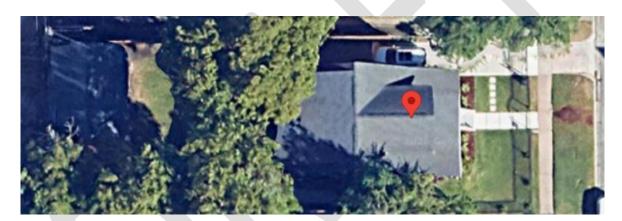
Contributing
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HISTORIC MATERIALS



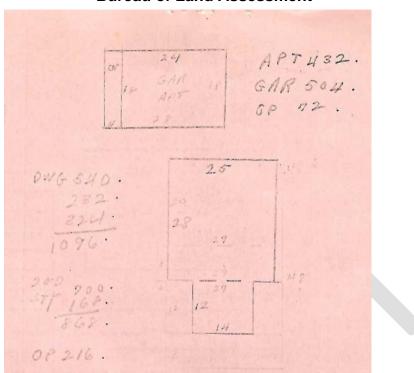




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Bureau of Land Assessment



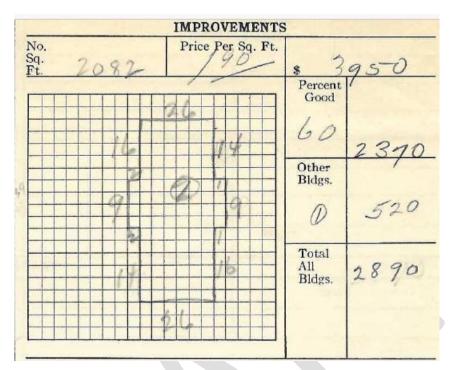


1969 – Duplex shows up in County Records, showing 2nd story Second story was apparently added sometime after 1951 per BLA document.

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Inventory Photo (East Elevation)



Current Photograph (East Elevation)



Existing Window Set of 3 (East Elevation)



Some of the existing windows have wavy glass.

Existing Window Set of 3 (East Elevation)



Interior water damage to window units

Existing Windows – Damage (East Elevation)







Exterior water damage to siding and window units

Location of Proposed Replacement Windows (East Elevation)



Proposed Kolbe Wood Window Specifications

*** Unit *** WDH (Assy 1)

Heritage Rectangle Double Hung

*** Unit ***

Unit 1.1: Wood Sash, Traditional, Sash Operation: Top & Bottom Active, Beveled Basic Jamb Profile

*** Glass ***

Unit 1.1: Solar Control Low-E Glass

Unit 1.1 Lower, 1.1 Upper: Custom Glass = Circa 1800 Tempered glass

*** Hardware-Accessories ***

Unit 1.1: White Window Opening Control Device, Bright Brass Hardware, BetterVue Fiberglass Full Screen, Screen(s) Loose

*** Species-Finish-Color ***

Unit 1.1: Primed Latex Exterior Sash, Primed Latex Exterior Frame, Primed Latex Interior Sash, Primed Latex Interior Frame, White Screen

*** Casing-Jambs-Trim ***

Unit 1.1: No Casing, Standard Sill Nosing, 4-9/16" Jambs

Hallmark Labels required for all approved product.

Calculated Design Pressure values of individual units will be verified upon order to Kolbe. Overall Performance Grade of mulls/assemblies may/will be less than computed values of individual units and will also be determined upon order to Kolbe.

Opening(s) designated by a circled 'E' meet most national building codes for emergency escape and rescue requirements. Check local codes for product compliance for desired application.



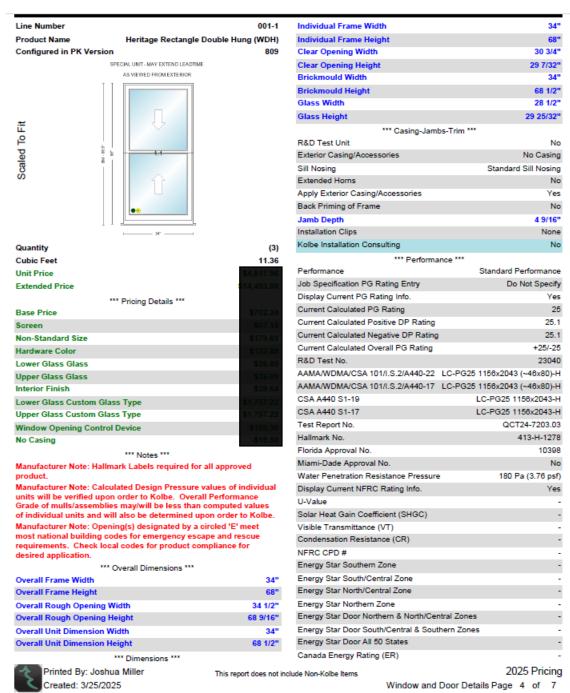
Scaled to Fit

Rough Opening: 34 1/2" X 68 9/16"

Frame Size: 34" X 68"

Unit Dimension: 34" X 68 1/2"

Proposed Kolbe Wood Window Specifications



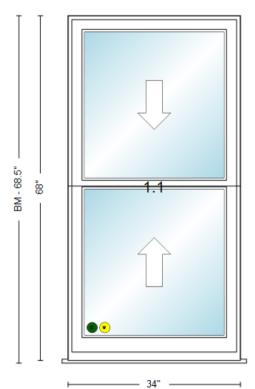
For warranty information please click this link or visit https://www.kolbewindows.com/resources/warranties

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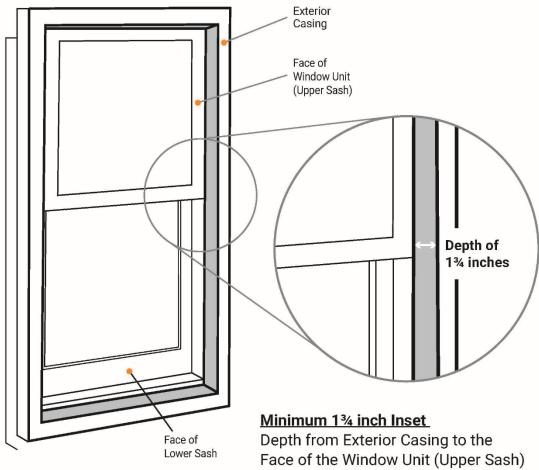
AS VIEWED FROM EXTERIOR



Example of Specified Kolbe Window







Windows must be 1-over-1

(equally horizontally divided)

134 inch minimum inset for Fixed Window

For more information contact:

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