3423 White Oak Dr Houston Heights South

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Application Date: July 22, 2024

Applicant: Jeffrey Blocksidge, agent for Christina Stewart, owner

**Property:** 3423 White Oak Drive, Res A, Block 1, Cortlandt Green. The property includes a historic 1,101 SF, one-story wood single-family residence converted into commercial, as well as three more detached historic wood structures situated on a 13,200 (two 100' x 66' combined lots) SF corner lot in the Houston Heights South Historic District.

Significance: Contributing bungalow style residence, constructed circa 1920, located in the Houston Heights South Historic District. Approved COA in Oct. 2023 for construction of rear deck and covered walkway to connect all structures for contemporary commercial use. Approved COA in Nov. 2023 for change of designation for the garage apartment from contributing to non-contributing, which has not gone to City Council.

Proposal: Alteration - Siding or Trim, Doors, Windows, Awning or Canopy

Applicant is proposing new windows, doors, awnings, and siding to the property for new tenant, Tiny's Milk & Cookies. The proposal includes:

- North (front) elevation, facing White Oak Drive:
  - Replace porch railing with custom, period-specific railing and of CMU pier with brick and removal of wood lattice
  - o Installation of new standing seam metal roof (silver)
  - Plum Alley to replace non-original entry door with period correct door and repair existing double-hung windows (EX1 and EX2) and install new period-correct drip edge profile
- West (side) elevation, facing Cortlandt Street:
  - Removal of side railing for circulation
  - Restoration of original fixed casement windows (EX3 and EX4) and replacement of original triple window (W05, W06, W07) with new wood windows to fit the width of existing triple window and match historic sash profiles; replacement of existing non-original 1-over-1 with custom inswing casement (W08)
  - Installation of new fabric awning and restoring brick chimney to original finish
- · South (rear) elevation:
  - Plum Alley to replace existing non-original vinyl window (W09) as well as install a new one (W10), with both new windows to match existing historic casement (FX3)
  - Removal of door and stairs and infill existing wall patch with siding TYP to match existing; infill exterior wall, chair, rail, and skirt to match existing
- East (side) elevation:
  - Two sets of non-original windows (EX11 and EX12) to be replaced with ADA metal entry door and new window to match existing historic casement (EX3)
  - o Restoration of original double hung windows (EX1 EX14, EX15) by Plum Alley
  - Handicap ramp to be removed
- All new windows should be wood, inset and recessed. See Attachment A.

Public Comment: Thirteen letters of support received. See Attachment B.

Civic Association: No comment received.

**Recommendation: Approval with conditions:** 

HAHC Action: -

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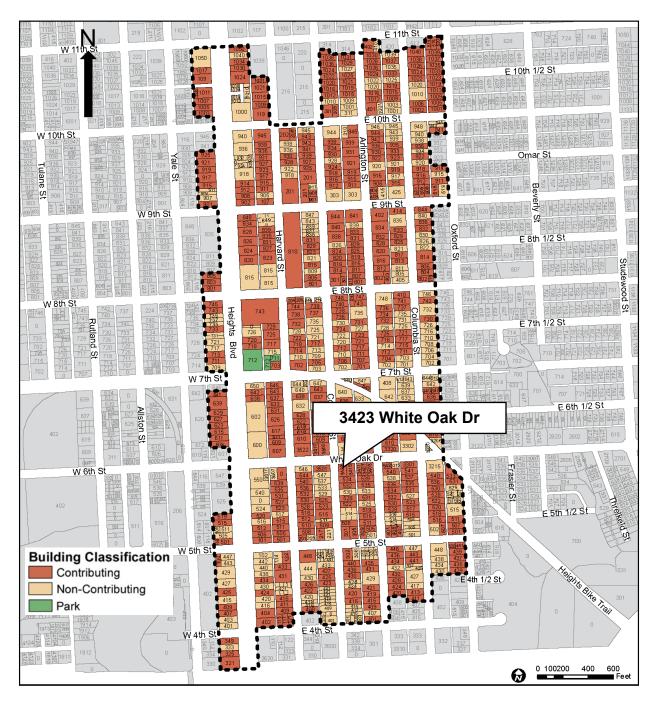
#### **APPROVAL CRITERIA**

#### 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;					
$\boxtimes$			(2)	The proposed activity must contribute to the continued availability of the property for a contemporary use;					
			(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; In addition to preserving the width of the historic opening of the triple window, the applicant has agreed to remove the triple window safely and retain the original triple window on site.					
			(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;					
			(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;					
			(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;  *Replacement windows match existing sash profiles of historic windows and retain the width of the historic window opening.					
			(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; the applicant has agreed to remove the triple window safely and retain the original triple window on site.					
			(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					
			(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								
				In accordance with Sec. 33-276, the proposed activity must comply with the City Council approved Design Guidelines.					

#### **PROPERTY LOCATION**



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# **INVENTORY PHOTO**



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# **CURRENT PHOTO**



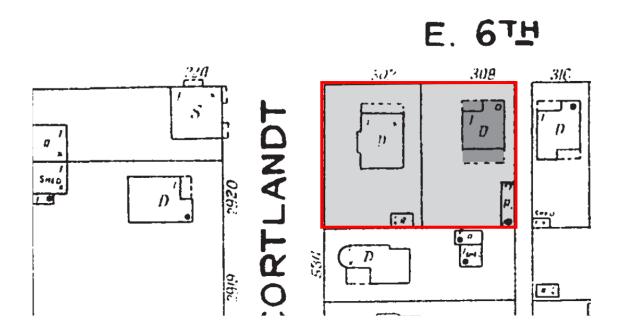
#### **AERIAL VIEW OF PROPERTY**



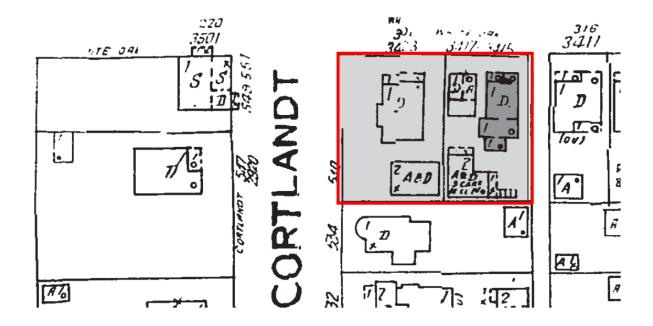
Lot is outlined in **red**, with 3423 White Oak's location on the lot is outlined in **orange** 

# **SANBORN**

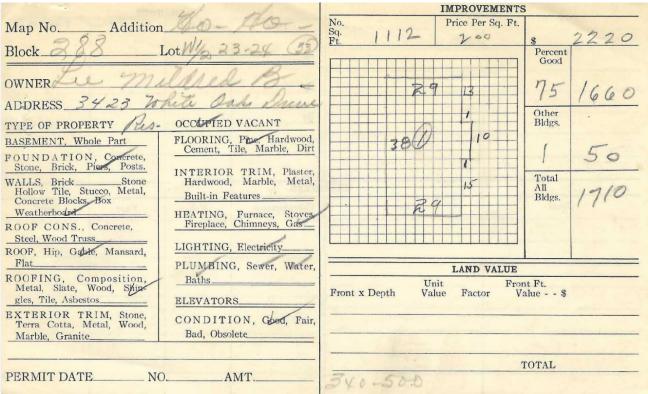
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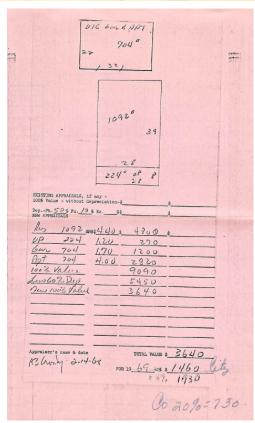


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#### **BLA**





#### **CONTEXT AREA**



534 Cortlandt St – contributing – 1920

Located directly behind lot facing

Cortlandt

3417 White Oak Dr – contributing – 1920

Located on same lot to the left of property

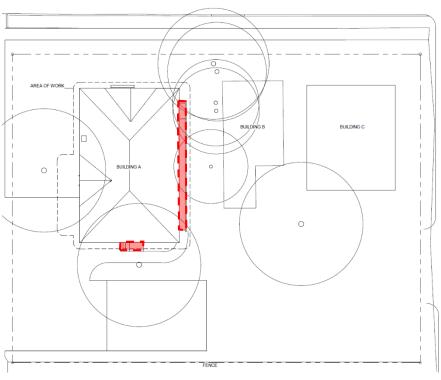




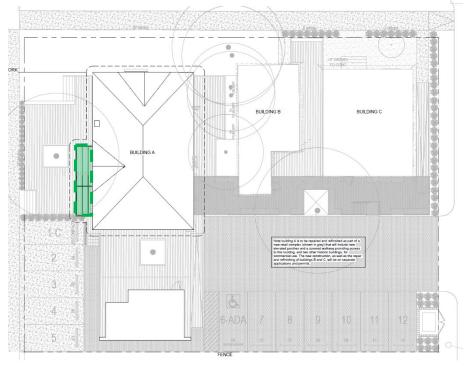
3501 White Oak Dr – contributing – 1920

Located on White Oak across the street from Cortlandt

#### **SITE PLAN**

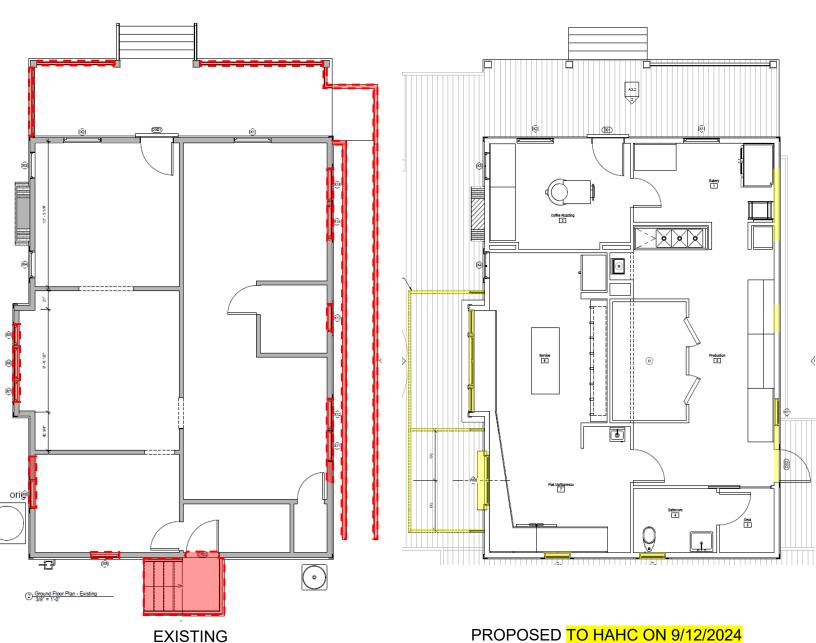


# **EXISTING**

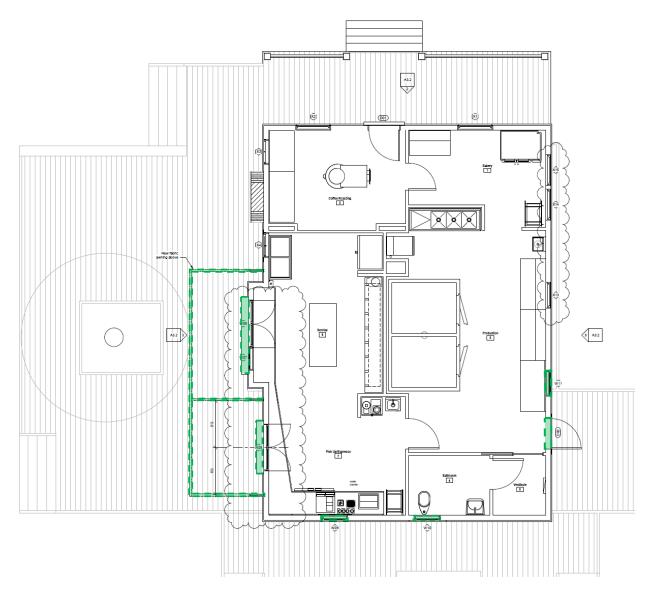


**PROPOSED** 

# **FLOOR PLAN**



#### FLOOR PLAN - CONTINUED



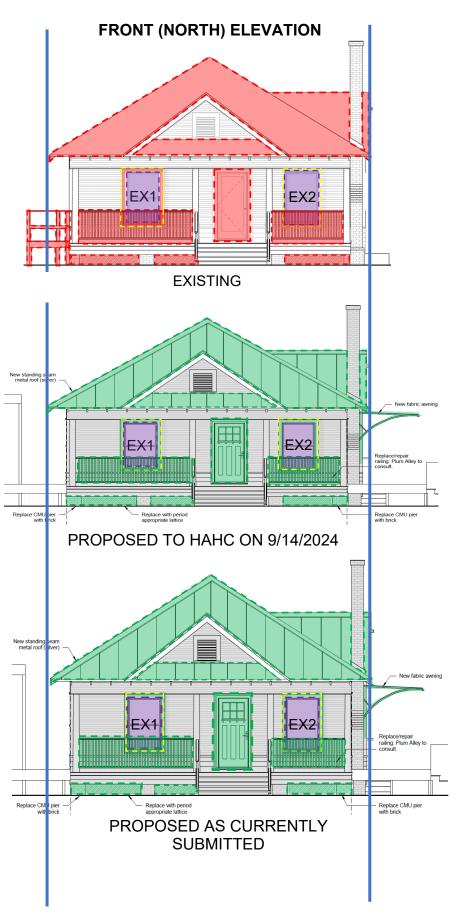
PROPOSED AS CURRENTLY SUBMITTED

RED – to be removed

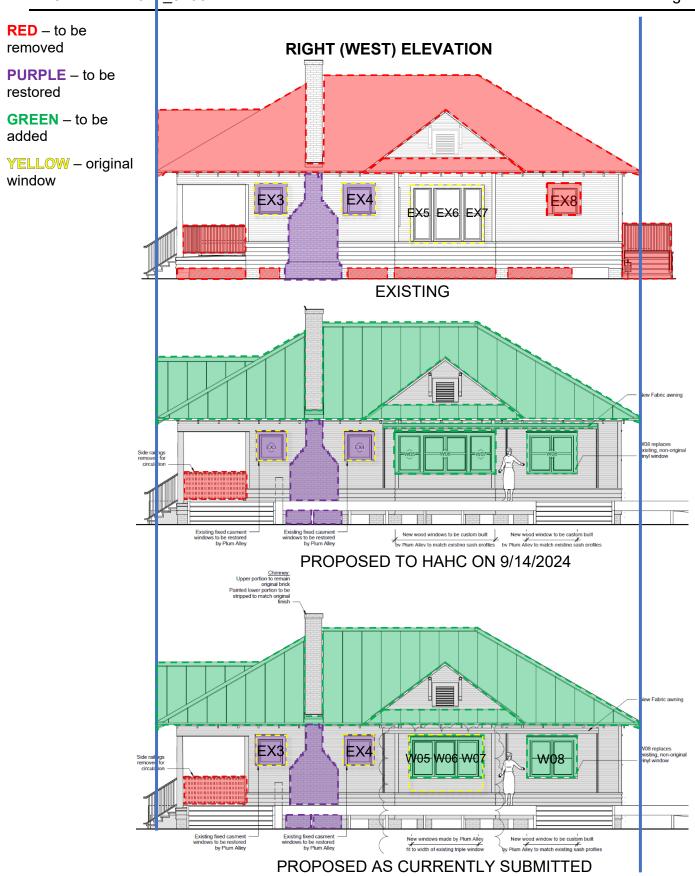
PURPLE – to be restored

GREEN – to be added

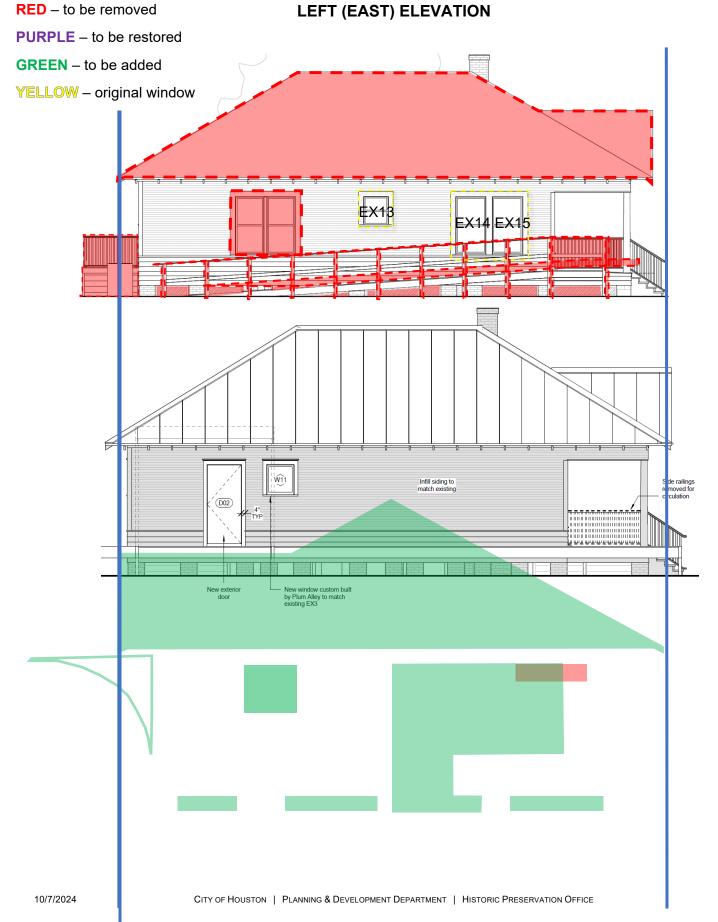
YELLOW – original window



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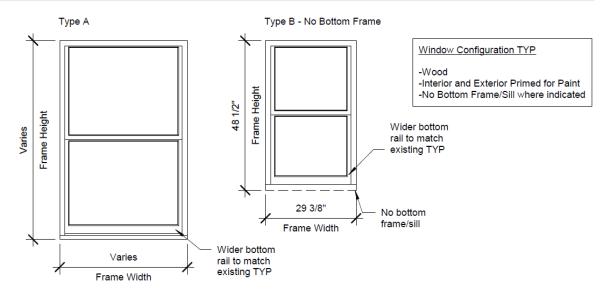
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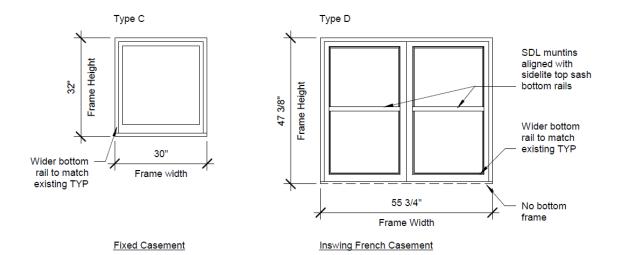
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Windov	v Schedule					
Mark	Mfr.	Material	Туре	Frame Width	Frame Height	Comments
				0"	0"	
				0"	0"	
EX1	Plum Alley	Existing	A - Existing Double Hung to be restored	42"	64"	VIF
EX2	Plum Alley	Existing	A - Existing Double Hung to be restored	42"	64"	VIF
EX3	Plum Alley	Existing	C - Existing Fixed Casement to be restored	30"	32"	VIF
EX4	Plum Alley	Existing	C - Existing Fixed Casement to be restored	30"	32"	VIF
W05	Plum Alley	Wood-Primed	B - Double Hung No Bottom Frame	29 3/8"	48 1/2"	No Bottom Frame/Sill
W06	Plum Alley	Wood-Primed	D - Inswing French Casement No Bottom Frame	55 3/4"	47 3/8"	No Bottom Frame/Sill
W07	Plum Alley	Wood-Primed	B - Double Hung No Bottom Frame	29 3/8"	48 1/2"	No Bottom Frame/Sill
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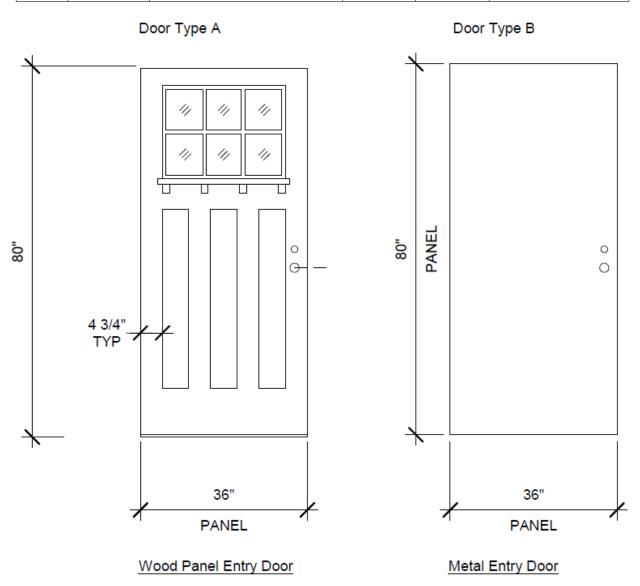


#### Double Hung



#### **DOOR SCHEDULE**

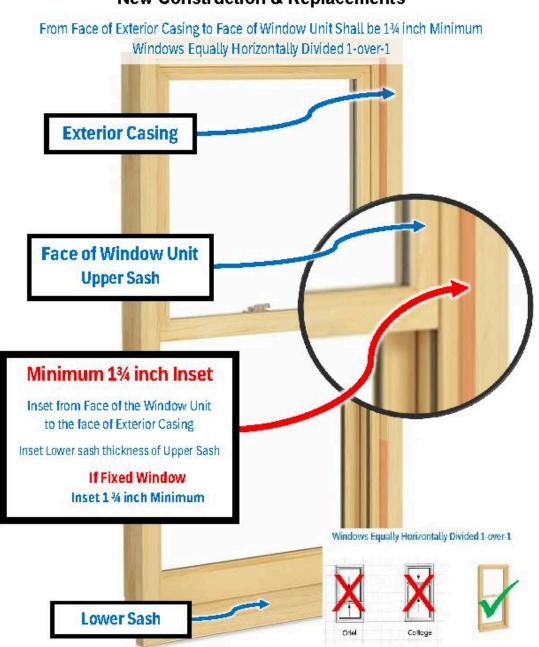
Door Schedule - Exterior						
Mark	Mfr.	Туре	Width	Height	Comments	
D01	Plum Alley	A - Inswing Wood Panel Door	36"	80"	Refer drawing	
D02	TBD	B - Outswing Metal Entry Door with Panic Bar - Primed	36"	80"		



#### **ATTACHMENT A**

Attachment 1

# Window Standard for Historical Additions, New Construction & Replacements



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# ATTACHMENT B PUBLIC COMMENTS

LETTERS OF SUPPORT Dear Houston Office of Preservation-Letter 1 I (or We), Jash & Rachel Happen the proposed renovations to the Historic residence located at 3423 White Oak Dr in Houston, TX under Certificate of Appropriateness application HP20240199. As a resident of the neighborhood, we are excited for Tiny's Milk and Cookies to thoughtfully refurbish and renovate the existing structure into a thriving family friendly neighborhood gathering space. For years this structure has been neglected and suffers from deferred maintenance and a lack of proper stewardship. Furthermore, the residence previously housed businesses we do not consider positive contributing members to our neighborhood. We are confident Tiny's Milk and Cookies will promote a vibrant and safe environment for adults and children alike and will become a great asset to our growing community. Please consider the many positive aspects their presence will provide when reviewing their proposal. Sincerely, Dear Houston Office of Preservation-Letter 2 I (or We), on & Michele Ovanell support the proposed renovations to the Historic application HP20240199. As a resident of the neighborhood, we are excited for Tiny's Milk and Cookies to thoughtfully refurbish and renovate the existing structure into a thriving family friendly neighborhood gathering space. For years this structure has been neglected and suffers from deferred maintenance and a lack of proper stewardship. Furthermore, the residence previously housed businesses we do not consider positive contributing members to our neighborhood. We are confident Tiny's Milk and Cookies will promote a vibrant and safe environment for adults and children alike and will become a great asset to our growing community. Please consider the many positive aspects their presence will provide when reviewing their proposal. Sincerely,

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Naista Chad Nicholi Date Sept 2,7024  Name(s)  Address

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Dear Houston Office of Preservation-

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Name(s)

CovAlandt St

Address

Date 9 3 3 4

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Name(s) Cortlandt St	

**Address** 

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Dear Houston Office of Preservation-

Letter 9

I (or We), Rob & Steffi Meister, support the proposed renovations to the Historic residence located at 3423 White Oak Dr in Houston, TX under Certificate of Appropriateness application HP20240199.

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Sincerely,

Rob i Steffi Meister

Date 9/4/24

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Dear Houston Office of Preservation-

Letter 10

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Sincerely,

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Date <u>99-24</u>

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Sincerely,

Name(S)

Cortlandf Street

Date 09.07.2024

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Letter 13

Clemens Duerrschmid & Emily Mott
White Oak Dr
Houston, TX 77007

@gmail.com

To

Houston Office of Preservation Planning & Development (P&D) Dept. 611 Walker Street, 6th Floor Houston, TX 77002

Re: 3423 White Oak Dr.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to enthusiastically support the proposed development and alterations at 3423 White Oak Dr (HP20240199). We live right next door at White Oak and have previously supported changing the neighboring 3415 White Oak property's designation to commercial use. This little corner of the heights has been neglected for long enough, allowing protected buildings to slowly decay.

We support the alterations, because:

- The proposed development is a family-friendly, daytime-only business, fitting well into the neighborhood. I recently was lucky to visit another Tiny's Milk & Cookies location to confirm these assumptions.
- While the business previously at this location was run by lovely people, businesses such as boutiques and stores have had generally a hard time on this stretch of White Oak. Also, the adult theming of the previous business was less than ideal for this very family-rich neighborhood.
- Historic preservation is hugely important for us, but I would rather have approved
  alterations made to buildings that enable the owners/renters to keep them maintained,
  rather than strictly adhering to a code, but rendering it impossible to house a business. In
  turn, the building would remain empty for longer, decay faster, and negatively impact the
  neighborhood. A business, especially one like Tiny's Milk & Cookies, will have the opposite
  effect improve the overall appeal of the neighborhood, and allow continued investment
  into keeping the historic building well maintained.

Sincerely,

Clemens Duerrschmid September 5, 2024

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# ATTACHMENT C PROJECT DETAILS AND MATERIALS