CITY OF GREENSBORO HISTORIC DISTRICT PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION FORM

LOCATION	924 Carr Street, Greensboro 27403		
	Street A	ddress Where Work Will Be Under	taken
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	Number	Street	
	Greensboro		
	City	State	Zip
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PROPERTY OWNER'S SIGNATURE (required) APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE		Mail or Fax Application To Planning Department City of Greensboro PO Box 3136 Greensboro, NC 27402-3136 Fax: 336-412-6315 Phone: 336-373-2144	
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICTE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Repair, Replacement and/or Alteration

924 Carr St., College Hill Historic District

Tax Parcel Number: 6296

PIN: 7864-25-3562

PROPERTY

The property is a Queen Anne cottage-style home built prior to 1899 as a rental property by the original owners who lived next door. It's significant exterior and interior features have been carefully preserved over the years. Figures 1, 2.

OWNERS

David and Lynn Hemm have owned the property since 2014 and have continued the stewardship of this historic property. Both are active participants in the College Hill Neighborhood Association. David has served as a board member for several years. David and Lynn invited Mike Cowhig and Stefan-leih Geary from the City of Greensboro to visit their home and provide input on the appropriate ways to maintain the special character of the Historic District, while meeting the practical needs of the owners.

CURRENT SITUATION

A kitchen remodel was last completed about 30 years ago. Figures 3, 4, 5. The kitchen is very limited in both storage and working surface spaces. Its configuration appears to have changed several times over its history.

A rear elevation window was installed by a previous owner. It is a double pane window with exterior wood grids that duplicate the two over two double hung windows that are original to the house. Figures 6, 7, 8. A dated kitchen ventilation fan in the wall above this window discharges via the attic through the rear gable end to the exterior, suggesting that this was at one time the location of the cook stove. Figures 9, 10. It also suggests that at that time there was not a window in this location.

A side (secondary) elevation window provides illumination for the kitchen. This window appears be of similar vintage to the original windows. Figures 11, 12, 13. The frame and muntins have been reworked, prompting Mike Cowhig to speculate that this window may not be original to this location. This window, and several others in the house, have external wood framed storm windows. Figure 13. The owners have found these storm windows to be unsatisfactory in significantly reducing the heat loss from the home. They are "very drafty."

The probable original butler pantry is now being used as a laundry room. Figure 14. A small storage room opposite the butler pantry was enlisted as a utility closet for the water heater and furnace. The furnace was later relocated, leaving patched openings in the floor and ceiling. Figures 15 and 16. The water heater remains, compromising the room's use for storage. Figure 17.

Another side (secondary) elevation window is in the storage room. Figures 18, 19, 20. It is a two light casement window with one broken pane and hinges that appear to not be original. It has not been

operable during the current ownership. The storage room is not heated and is very cold during the winter.

A side, rear porch, invisible from the street, provides a rear entrance to the home. Figures 21, 22. Long prior to the current ownership the porch was enclosed to form an interior hallway and bathroom. Figures 23 and 24. The exterior entrance to this space features a modified door that is not in any way appropriate to the home. Figure 25. The doorway is out of level and plumb and the resultant gaps around the jamb allow substantial air leakage from/to the outside. Figure 26.

Locations of the existing features are shown in Figure 27

PROPOSED DESIGN SOLUTIONS

The butler pantry-turned laundry room is to be restored as a food prep/serving area similar to its original use. A portion of the partition wall between the butler pantry and the kitchen will be removed to provide expanded storage and work surface areas to the kitchen. Figures 27, 28. Original bead board wall and ceiling finishes and mouldings will be preserved. Figure 29. Five early vintage site-built kitchen cabinets will be relocated to the butler pantry. Figures 30, 31, 32, 33.

The water heater will be removed from the storage room to restore the room's original use. Its function will be replaced with a tankless water heater mounted on the rear exterior wall of the house. Figure 34.

Optimal reconfiguration of the kitchen calls for the kitchen sink to be in the center of the rear wall where the existing (not original) window is located. The existing window has a sill height of about 20 inches above the floor. An identical, but shorter, two over two single hung window with double pane glass and exterior wood grids will have the same cap height but will have a sill height above the floor of about 48 inches to accommodate the countertop with sink. Figures 35, 36, 37. Wood clapboard siding matching the existing original will be installed below the new window. Figure 38.

The window unit being removed from the rear elevation is the same size and appearance as the right (secondary) elevation kitchen window. It has external wood grids in a two over two pattern. To recycle this unit and to improve the energy efficiency of the home the owners would like to reuse this unit in place of the probably not original window in the right side (secondary) elevation of the kitchen. The new and old windows at this side location near the rear of the house would be indistinguishable from the street. Figures 27, 39, 40, 41, 42.

To better insulate the unheated storage room, the owners would also like to replace the existing original casement window with a double pane fixed sash two light window with external wood grids, duplicating the existing window in appearance. The new and old windows at this side location near the rear of the house would be indistinguishable from the street. Figures 43, 41, 42.

The nonconforming side, rear exterior entrance door will be replaced with a salvaged period door (Figure 44) and the jambs reworked level and plumb, to eliminate the nonconforming architectural feature and provide a much improved, energy saving seal.

SUMMARY

This application strives to achieve a balance between function and preservation. The standards allow for change when it is accomplished in a sensitive manner that maintains the special character of the Historic District, while meeting the practical needs of the residents/property owners. The owners request approval for:

- Replacement of a nonoriginal rear elevation window with a shorter identical window that duplicates the appearance of the home's original windows, to accommodate optimal placement of the kitchen sink.
- 2. Replacement of a period side (secondary) elevation window with a modern double pane window with exterior wood grids that duplicates the appearance of the home's original windows, to recycle an architectural unit and improve energy efficiency.
- 3. Replacement of an original side (secondary) elevation window with a modern double pane window with exterior wood grids that duplicates the appearance of the home's original windows, to improve energy efficiency for an unheated room.
- 4. Replacement of a nonconforming side, rear exterior entrance door with a salvaged, period appropriate door, to eliminate a nonconforming architectural feature and improve energy efficiency.
- 5. Installation of a tankless water heater on the rear elevation to restore the original unimpeded use of the storage room.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Win-Win Remodeling, LLC is the general contractor for this project and is licensed, bonded and insured. The owner, Eric Crouse, is a resident of the College Hill Historic District and has served as a board member of the College Hill Neighborhood Association.



Figure 1 – 924 Carr St. carefully preserved

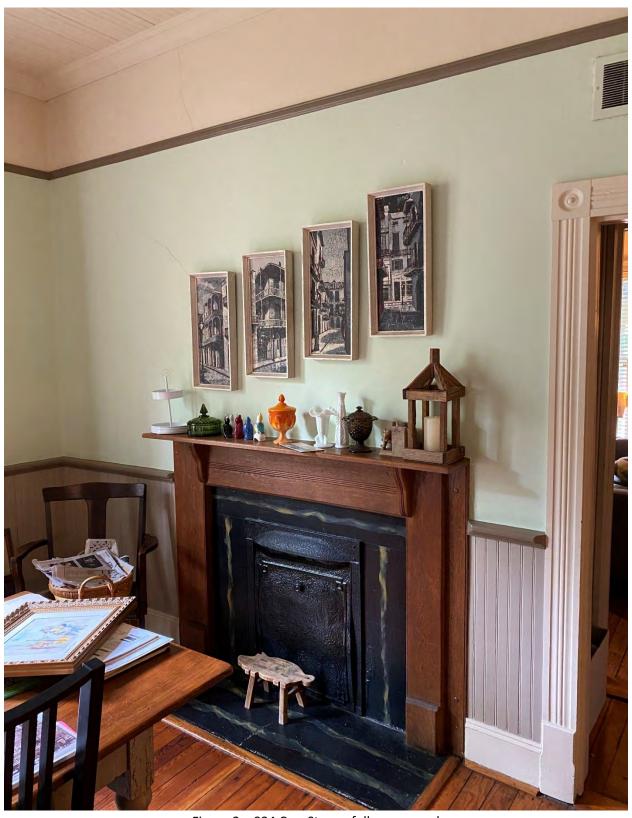


Figure 2 – 924 Carr St. carefully preserved



Figure 3 – 924 Carr St. kitchen - limited in both storage and working surface spaces

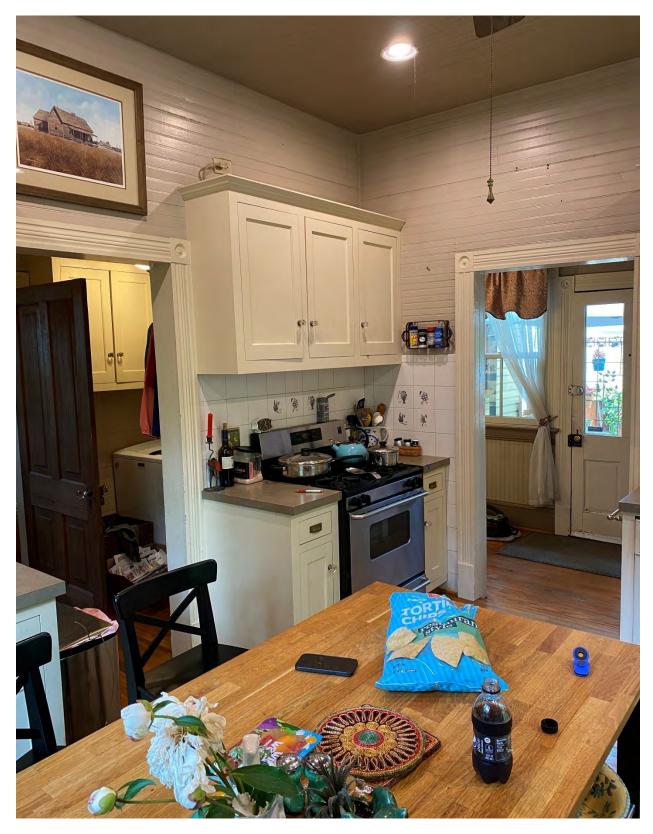


Figure 4 - 924 Carr St. kitchen - limited in both storage and working surface spaces

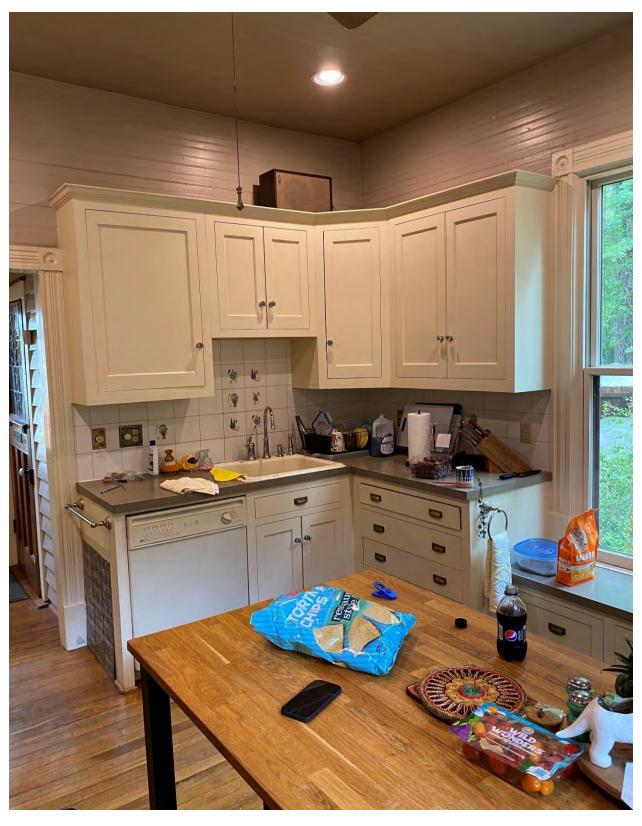


Figure 5 – 924 Carr St. kitchen - limited in both storage and working surface spaces



Figure 6 – 924 Carr St. rear elevation 1990's replacement window – external wood grids

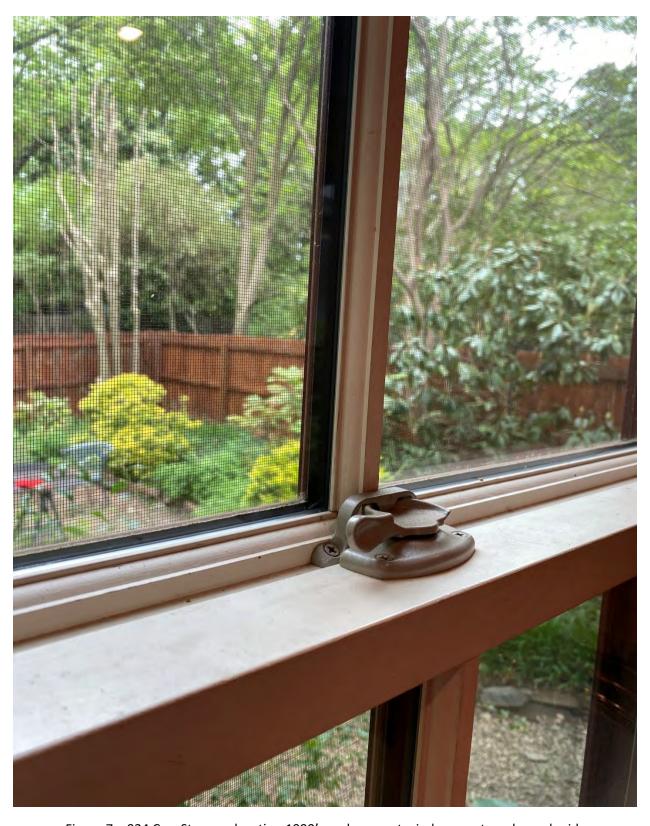


Figure 7 – 924 Carr St. rear elevation 1990's replacement window – external wood grids



Figure 8 – 924 Carr St. rear elevation 1990's replacement window – external wood grids

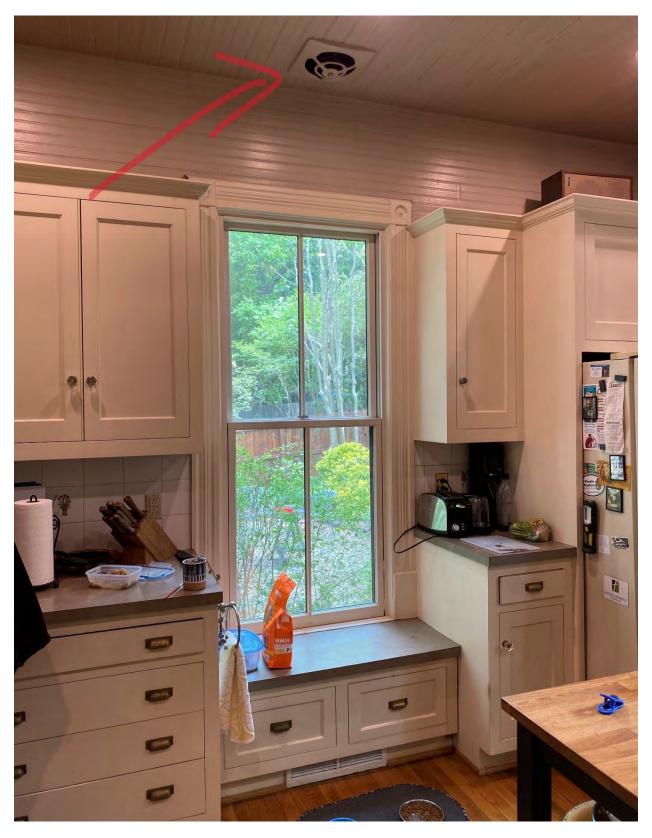


Figure 9 – 924 Carr St. vestigial cookstove exhaust fan



Figure 10 – 924 Carr St. vestigial cookstove exhaust fan

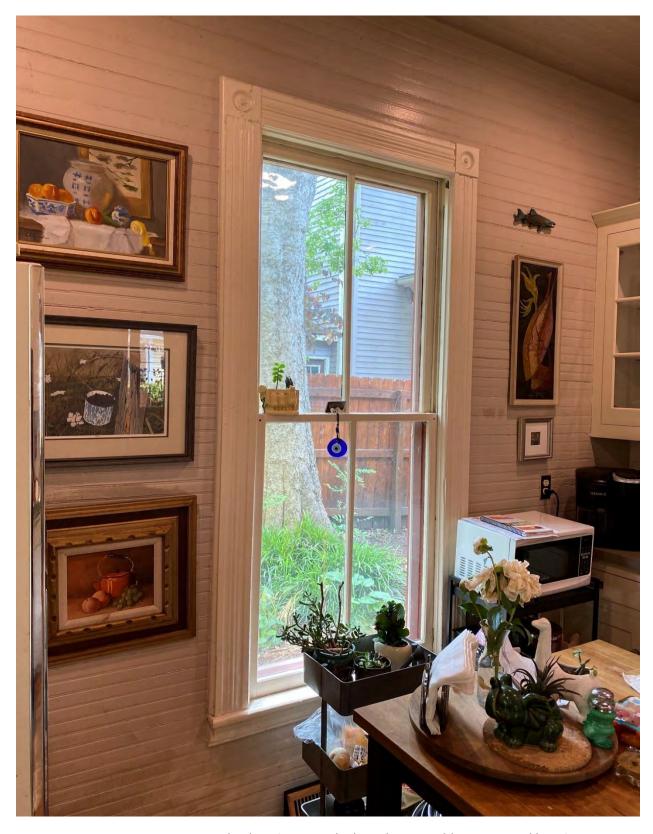


Figure 11 – 924 Carr St. side elevation reworked window, possibly not original location



Figure 12 – 924 Carr St. side elevation reworked window, possibly not original location



Figure 13-924 Carr St. side elevation reworked window, possibly not original location

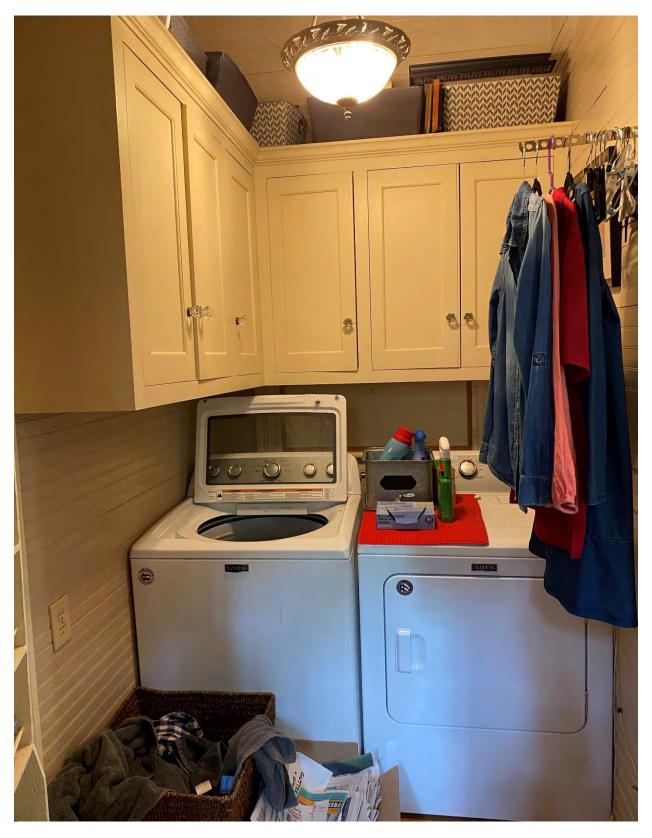


Figure 14 – 924 Carr St. butler pantry used for laundry

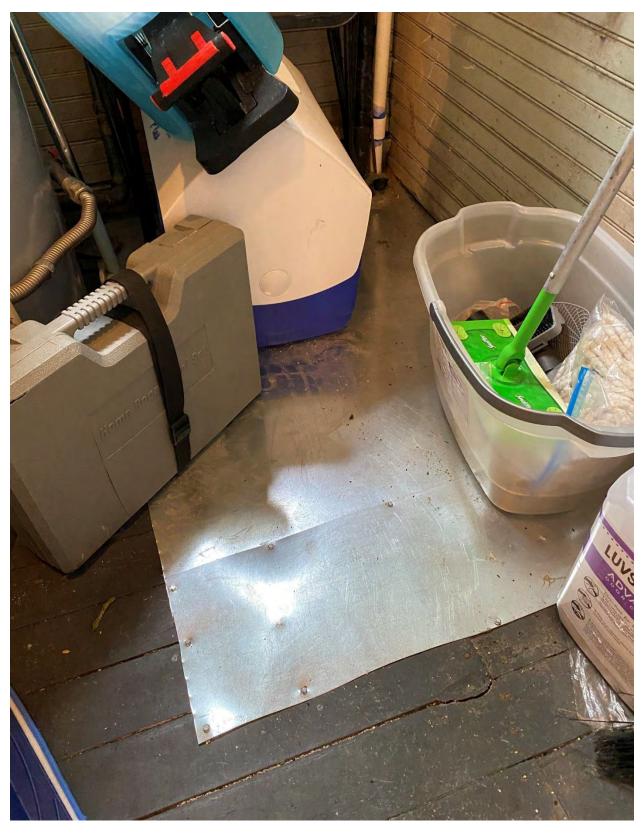


Figure 15 – 924 Carr St. storage room floor patch



Figure 16 – 924 Carr St. storage room ceiling patch

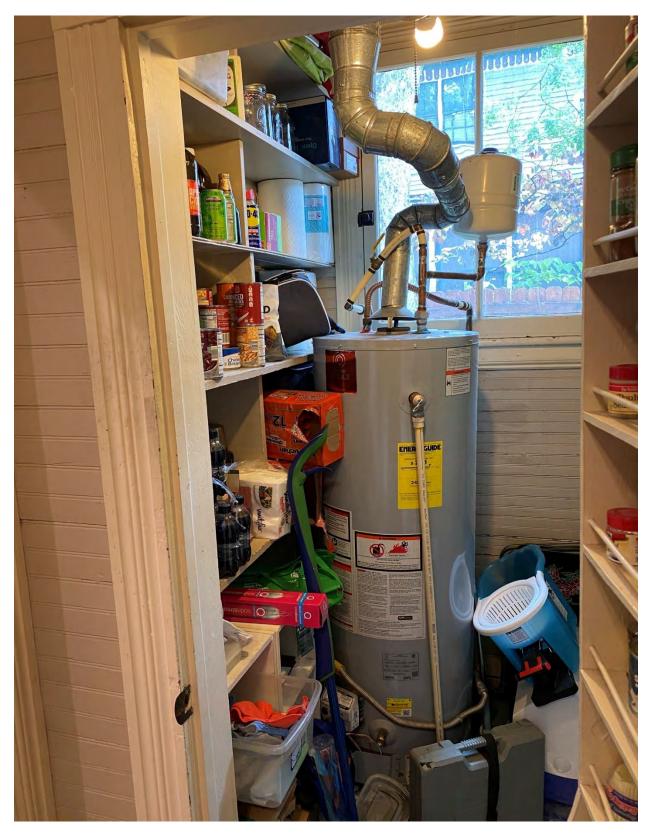


Figure 17 - 924 Carr St. storage room obstructed by water heater



Figure 18 – 924 Carr St. broken window in unheated storage room

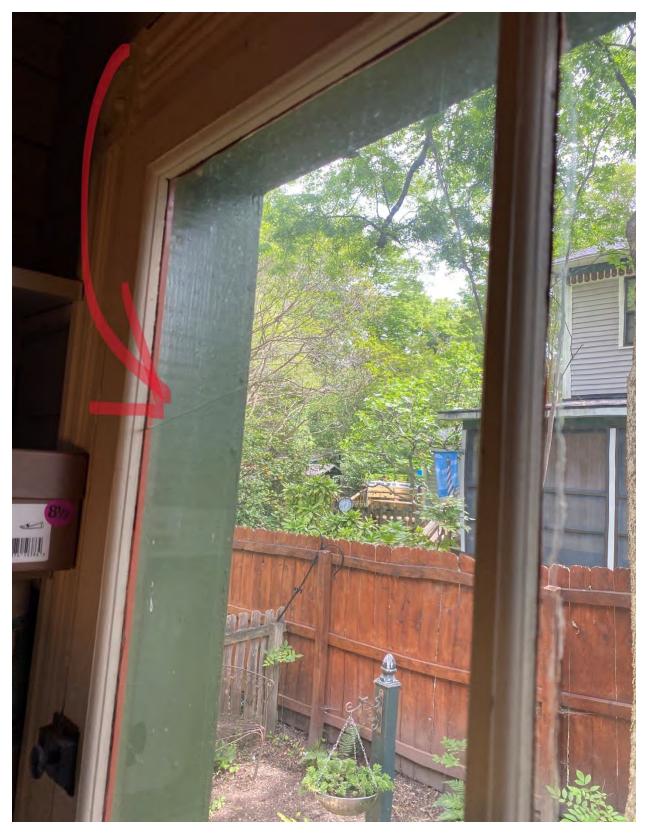


Figure 19 – 924 Carr St. broken window in unheated storage room



Figure 20 – 924 Carr St. broken window in unheated storage room

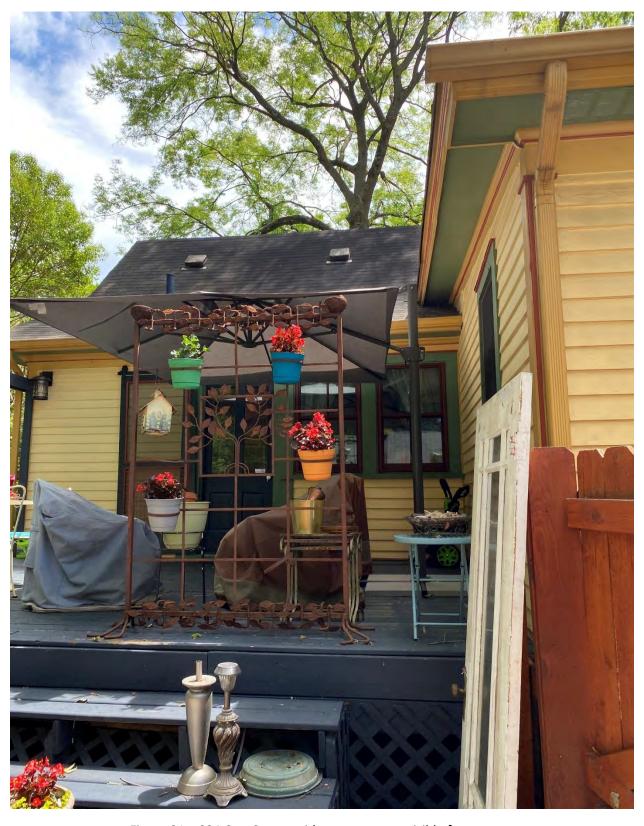


Figure 21 – 924 Carr St. rear side entrance not visible from street



Figure 22 – 924 Carr St. rear side entrance not visible from street

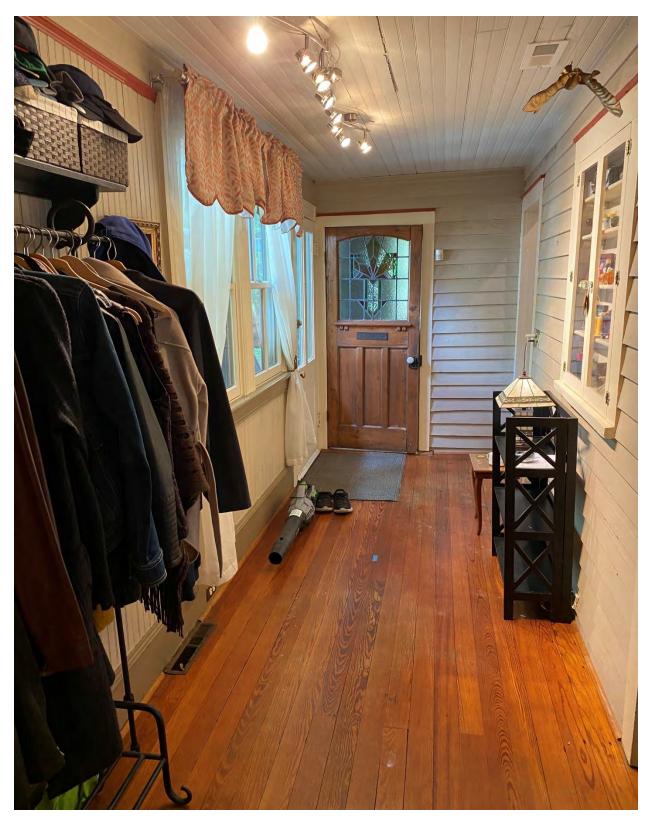


Figure 23 – 924 Carr St enclosed porch hall



Figure 24 – 924 Carr St enclosed porch bathroom

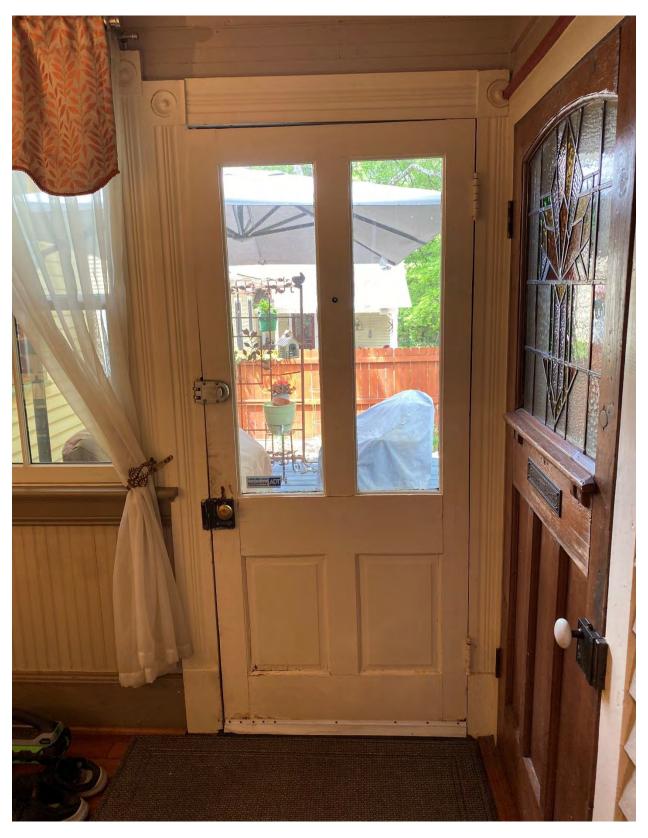


Figure 25 – 924 Carr St. rear side entrance inappropriate modified door



Figure 26 – 924 Carr St. rear side entrance door leakage

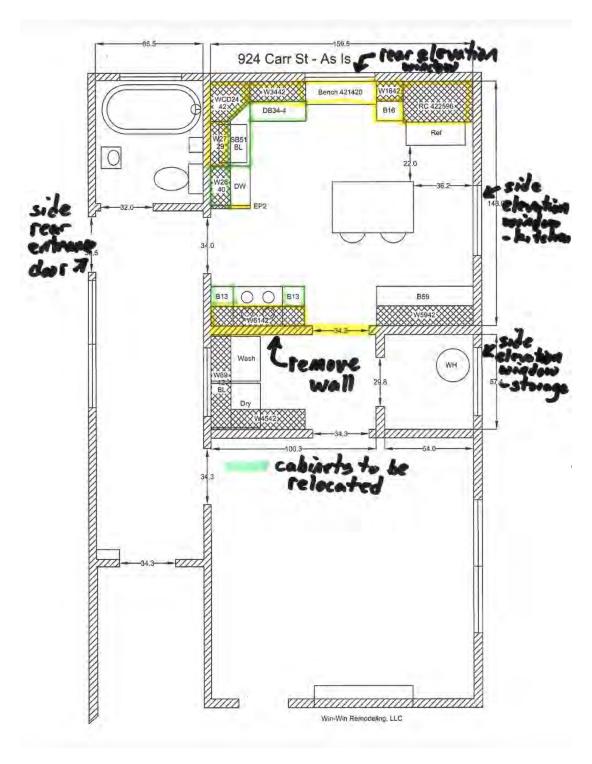


Figure 27 – 924 Carr St location of existing features

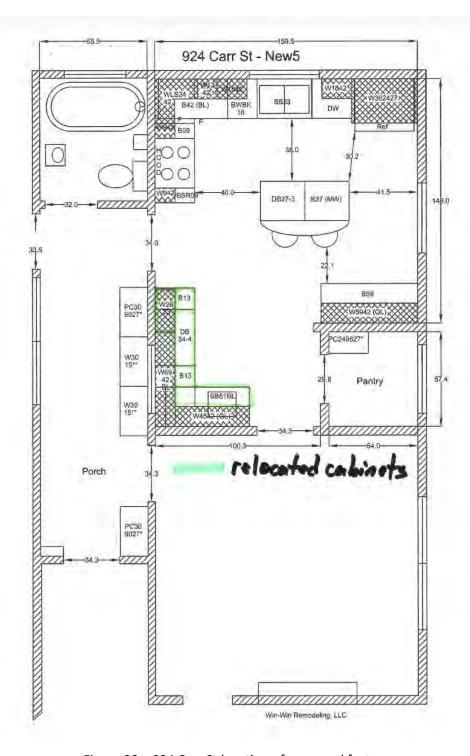


Figure 28 – 924 Carr St location of proposed features

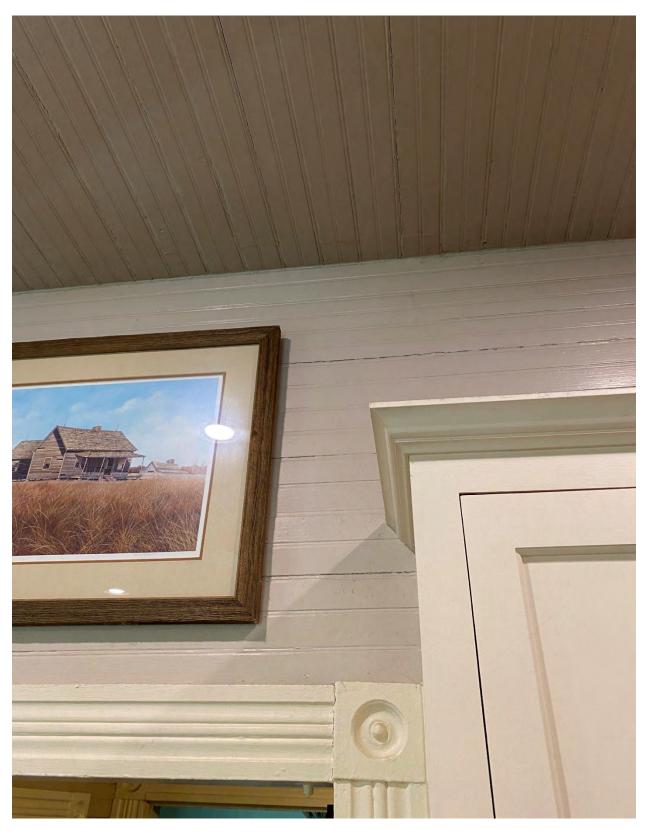


Figure 29 - 924 Carr St bead board and mouldings to be reused



Figure 30 – 924 Carr St site-built cabinet to be relocated

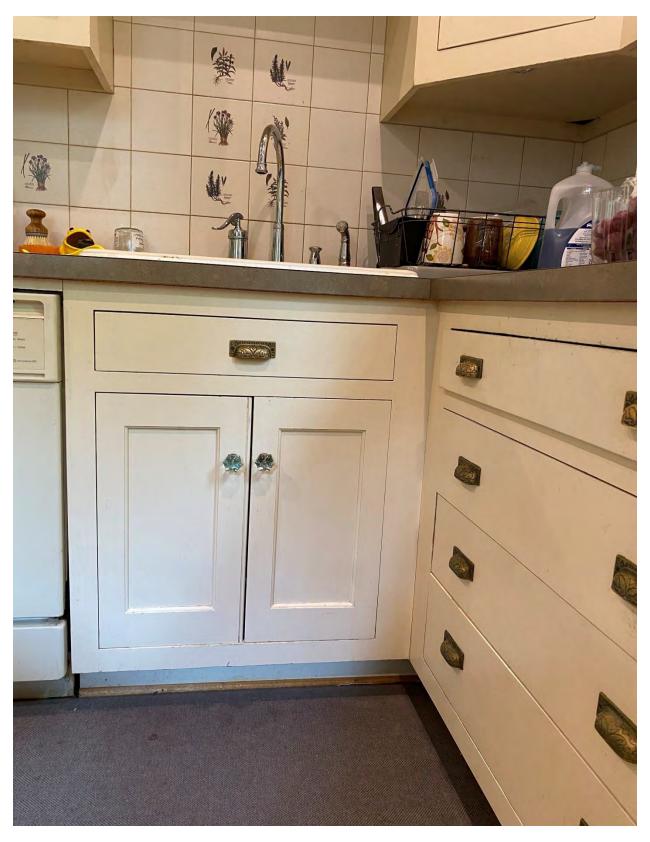


Figure 31 – 924 Carr St site-built cabinet to be relocated



Figure 32 – 924 Carr St site-built cabinets to be relocated



Figure 33 – 924 Carr St site-built cabinet to be relocated



Figure 34 – 924 Carr St tankless water heater installed on rear elevation

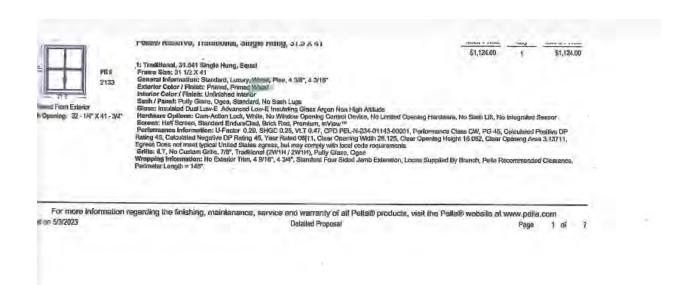


Figure 35 – 924 Carr St shorter window to be installed on rear elevation to accommodate sink



Figure 36 – 924 Carr St shorter window installed on rear elevation to accommodate sink



Figure 37 – 924 Carr St shorter window installed on rear elevation to accommodate sink

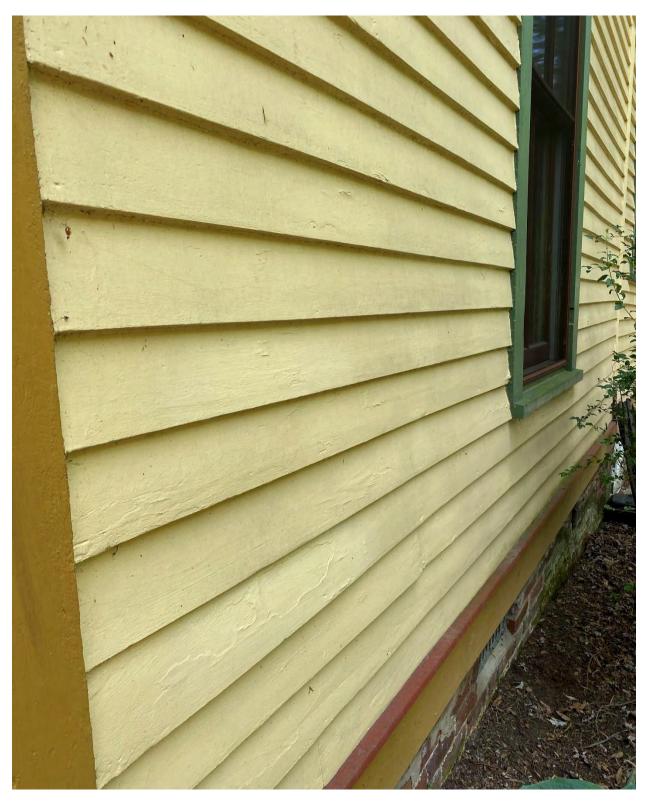


Figure 38 – 924 Carr St wood clapboard siding will cover reduced window opening



Figure 39 – 924 Carr St 1990's replacement window removed from here...

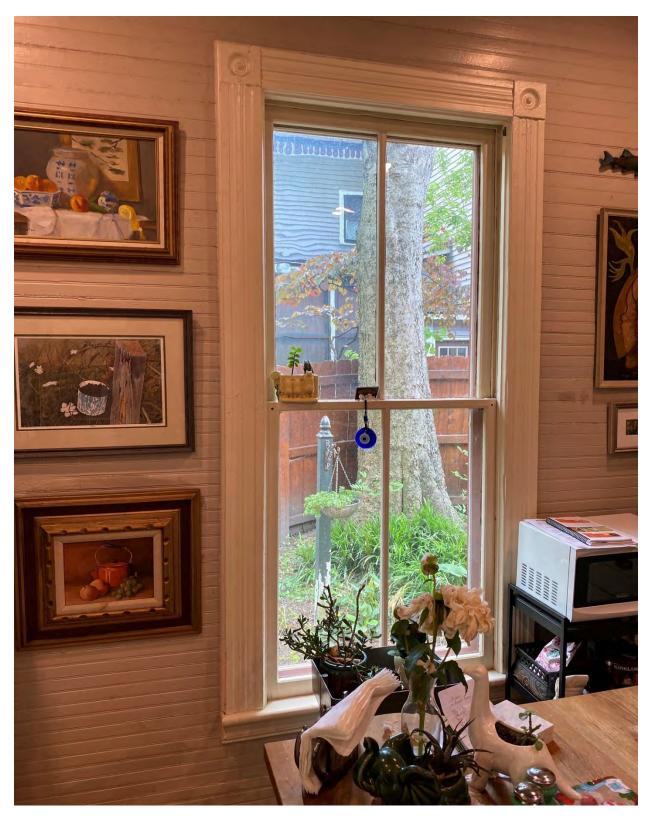


Figure 40 – 924 Carr St 1990's replacement window to be installed here



Figure 41 - 924 Carr St replacement windows from behind fence

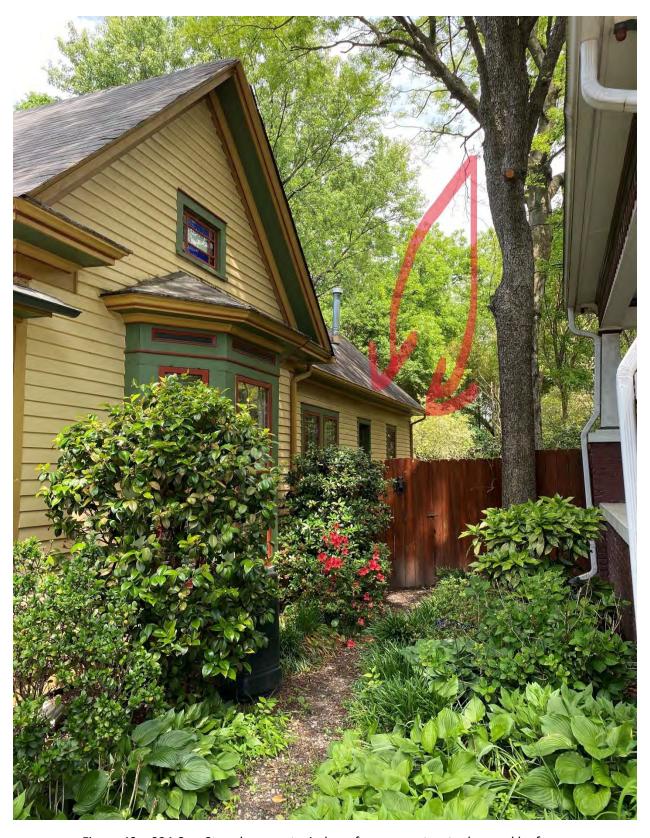


Figure 42 – 924 Carr St replacement windows from near street, obscured by fence

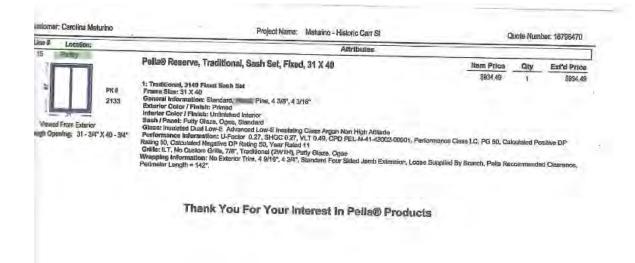


Figure 43 – 924 Carr St insulated window to be installed in unheated storage room

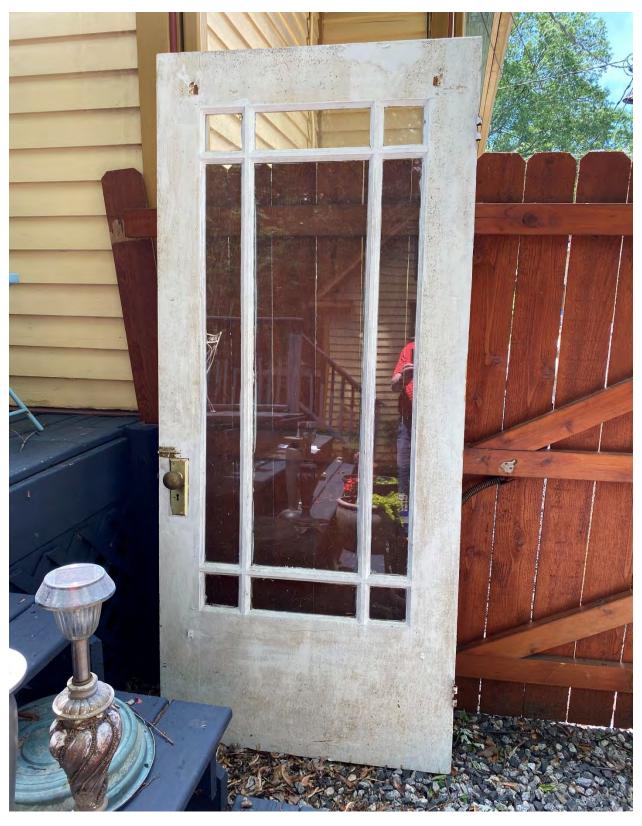


Figure 44 – 924 Carr salvaged period door to replace inappropriate rear side entrance door