

14 April 2009

SOUTH END LANDMARK DISTRICT

Allen Seletsky
570 Market
570 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02118

RE: 52 Union Park / 572 Tremont Street

Dear Mr. Seletsky:

At its April 7, 2009 public hearing, the South End Landmark District Commission continued their review of the violation issued for unapproved alterations to exterior commercial space at 52 Union Park Street/572 Tremont Street.

It was determined at the hearing that the exterior garden window had, in fact, been entirely removed and reconstructed. As the Commission has said at previous hearings, the reconstruction of such non-conforming additions is generally not approved; the Commission noted that they would not have approved that reconstruction of this element, had the required application and review process been followed.

In order to resolve this violation, the Commission has determined that you must work with the South End Historical Society and the Union Park Neighborhood Association in order to formulate a solution for the garden window that is both historically appropriate and mutually agreeable. Commission staff will also participate in this process, and any plans will be subject to the final review and approval of staff. The Commission suggested that a potential option that would maintain the same amount of commercial space, but which might also address the concerns of the SEHS and the UPNA would be to construct a paneled bay.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 617-635-3850.

Sincerely,

Emily Wolf
Preservation Planner
South End Landmark District Commission

cc: South End Historical Society
Union Park Neighborhood Association
Jane Pfeifer Sollogub, Trustee, 52 Union Park
Robert Parker, Trustee, 52 Union Park
David Lewit, Trustee, 52 Union Park
Philip Celeste, Trustee, 52 Union Park