1902, 1927, 1942 Diamond Street permit application

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Dear members of the Architecture Committee and Commission,

I am writing to comment on the proposed design for the proposed rowhouses on Diamond Street. In the past when rowhouses had been reconstructed on Diamond Street, they were correct reconstructions of the facades in their respective rows. In a district the streetscape is part of what is protected and the row is seen as the object being protected. Two of the three buildings are part of rows that are very easy to reproduce in terms of brick type and corbelling. The windows are one over one. There is no financial penalty in reproducing the existing design.

I think that the Commission should continue to ask that the infill buildings in these rows respect the original design. I am including examples of where this has happened on Diamond Street in the past so that the Commission can understand past practice.

Many of the missing buildings on Diamond Street were demolished because of neglect and the streetscapes can and should be respected and reconstructed. The buildings on this street in general are rented to groups of students and the rents are quite high and market rate. This is not a hardship situation.

Thank you Randal Baron







