

## Timothy Boscarino

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**From:** Andre Gilbert <dregilbe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 3, 2024 9:51 AM  
**To:** Timothy Boscarino  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Application Submission: 1730 Edison  
**Attachments:** Kitchen window exterior.jpg; Kitchen Window interior.jpg

Hi Tim,

Yes, Artisan Restoration restored 18 windows on the front of the house and made some of the others operable. They completed the necessary work and advised at the time that the 10 windows on the back of the house should be replaced. I've reached out to Todd from Artisan again to take a second look, and he's scheduled to come by on Friday.

Yesterday, I met with two other historic window restoration/repair companies. One of them, James Turner of Turner Restoration, may be familiar to you. He's a former member of the Historic District Commission. We discussed my windows for over two hours. Initially, he recommended restoration (noting that anything can be restored) until he saw the condition of the five upstairs windows. He noted that these windows are not original to the house, likely replaced in the 70s or 80s, as they have spring-loaded balancers with vinyl finger joints. He mentioned that restoring these would be challenging due to the difficulty in finding spring-loaded balancers. When I showed him the one new Aluminum/Clad Wood Pella window installed by Artisan in 2019, he suggested that replacing the 10 windows on the back with similar ones should pose no issue and could have been an in-office approval.

After James left, Jamie Craig from Renaissance Restoration visited and recommended replacing the windows due to their deteriorated state. He will provide quotes for both replacement and restoration.

I attempted to get something in writing from my neighbors, but they prefer to avoid being involved with the HDC. However, my neighbor at 1724 Edison confirmed that there was a second fire after the one in the 80s. We believe the windows may be severely rotted due to fire extinguishing efforts and subsequent neglect over 20 years.

I've attached a picture of the one new window that was installed in 2019.

On Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 6:07 AM Timothy Boscarino <[Timothy.Boscarino@detroitmi.gov](mailto:Timothy.Boscarino@detroitmi.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

I see that you had a Certificate of Appropriateness for Artisan Renovations to restore the windows on the rest of the house in 2019. Did they ever complete this work? From the street, it looks like the windows on the front of the house are in good shape.