

## Samantha Lockwood

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**From:** Marina Novaes  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 5:08 PM  
**To:** Samantha Lockwood  
**Cc:** Preservation; Susan H. Hellman  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]Board of architectural Review - 411 N Columbus

Hi Samantha,  
Another email from the public  
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**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Board of architectural Review - 411 N Columbus

FYI.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Board of architectural Review - City of Alexandria

BAR #2022-00382 OHAD  
Request for alterations at 411 North Columbus Street.  
Applicant: Guy Lamolinara and Anne Horan  
**Attachments:** [BAR #2022-00382 Staff Report](#)

City Staff of Alexandria,

Please note that I am a co-property owner of 711 Princess Street, in am in agreement with the co-owner Neeta Helms as owners of the historic property from 1785 at 711 Princess Street we are opposed to and hopeful that the BAR will not approve the replacement of windows at the neighboring property, 411 N Columbus Street as it is well known that the materials Fibrex Wood Composite do not follow the City of Alexandria design guidelines to preserve the original wood window frames and trim look. These modern materials are not appropriate and compromise the integrity of the historic district and buildings.

We hope that City Staff is not going to allow the replacement of wooden windows with this artificial materials? As in the process this will damage the "Historic Old Town look of wooden window frames" with substandard artificial materials?

It is well known that there are several disadvantages to the material of Fibrex as it is 60% thermoplastic polymer, and for one it gets dirty easily and is difficult to clean and therefor look shabby very quickly. I am sure that you are also aware that the product only comes in a very restricted range of colours, both of these matters should concern the City as it will look terrible very soon and may not even match the colors of the house and or neighborhood, especially if not cleaned regularly. This artificial material may also not be in line with historic BAR regulations? Just asking the question.

What is disconcerting as it seems is that City Staff deems it ok for windows not facing the street to be replaced with these materials! So the neighbors such as The Rectory on Princess and their guests as well as the highly regarded senior citizens of Sunrise Senior Living would be constantly subjected to the misery of facing substandard materials as long as an occasional street passerby does not see this!

Staff should surely be more considered of the neighboring **taxpayers of the City** being exposed to these materials than being concerned about the occasional passerby in the street, as a taxpayer I would expect of my City to protect the value of surrounding taxpayers properties even more than that of an occasional street passersby!

I would urge City staff to reject this project completely in their duty to protect the historic values of our fellow property owners, taxpayers and citizens.

I urge you to register our clear opposition to this total project and not just the windows on the street.  
Thank you

**Johan van Zyl**

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