

Windows and Front Doors in Foxhall Village **Guidelines and Recommended Replacements**

(from the DCHPO Design Guidelines for Foxhall Village)

“The design, materials, and variety of windows are important to the architectural character of the Foxhall Village Historic District. The mixture of multi-pane double-hung windows, casement windows, and leaded glass windows on primary elevations contribute to the neighborhood’s unique picturesque Tudor Revival character. Repair and restoration of original windows is strongly encouraged and should be investigated prior to consideration of replacement.

If original windows are significantly deteriorated and need to be replaced, new windows on primary elevations should accurately replicate the pane configuration, operation, material, profiles and appearance of the original sash and frames. If a house no longer retains its original windows, the appearance of replacement windows should replicate the original condition, using historic photographs or similar houses in the historic district as a guide. For leaded glass windows that were replaced prior to designation, a substitute material that recalls the configuration of the historic window may be used in the replacement window. On rear or other secondary elevations not visible from a street, replacement windows do not have to match the original windows in terms of configuration or material.”

“As the primary elevations of buildings in Foxhall Village are carefully composed and typically relate to a rhythm and pattern of fenestration that extends throughout a row, altering the size of existing window openings or creating new windows on primary elevations is rarely appropriate. New window openings on secondary elevations should be consistent with the style of the building, the character of its pattern of fenestration, and should not result in the alteration of significant architectural features.”

Here is a list of companies that make appropriate replacement windows that you can consider. Most importantly you should be aware that all window manufacturers stock a variety of window types constructed of wood, aluminum and vinyl. Typically only one or two models by any particular manufacturer are appropriate, so simply using a certain manufacturer does not guarantee purchasing an appropriate window. Also, please note that styles and model names change so you should double check with the historic preservation office before ordering any replacement windows.

RECOMMENDED REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

Also Note: The craftsmen list under “Front Door Restoration” on page 4 can also restore your original windows and, in many cases, return them to like new condition for less than the cost of replacements.

But for replacement windows we recommend the following:

Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork, Inc

1323 S. 11th Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401-5998
1-715-842-5666
<http://www.kolbe-kolbe.com/>
(available through Smoots Lumber – 703 - 823-2100)

Double Hung Windows - - Kolbe's *Heritage* series is a very high quality window constructed of wood and available as true divided light (ie – separate panes) called *Cutlites* or as single panes with both wooden dividers inside and out as well as dividers within the glass to simulate true divided light called *Performance Divided Lites*. Other types such as *Grilles in the Airspace* and *Interior Removable Wood Grilles* are not acceptable.

Casement Windows - - As with double hung, we recommend Kolbe's *Heritage* series - - with the caveat that you should choose the casements that swing outward, not inward as that is the traditional design in Foxhall Village. And, as with the double hung windows, we recommend the casements which are true divided light (ie – separate panes) called *Cutlites* or as single panes with both wooden dividers inside and out as well as dividers within the glass to simulate true divided light called *Performance Divided Lites*. Other types such as *Grilles in the Airspace* and *Interior Removable Wood Grilles* are not acceptable.

We also recommend:

Pella Windows

102 Main Street
Pella, Iowa 50219
1-800-374-4758
<http://web.pella.com/>

Double Hung Windows - - we recommend the Pella *Architect* series which is available as wood window interior and exterior. In order for this series to be acceptable it must use the *Permanent Bar Style* option and use the *Integral Light Technology Grille*, which is a combination of bars between the glass where pane divisions exist as well as a wooden grill mounted on both the interior and exterior of the glass. This design will give the look of true divided light. Additionally, this series must be purchased with a wood exterior, not clad in aluminum.

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We also recommend:

Weathershield

One Weather Shield Plaza
Medford, WI 54451
1-800-538-8836
<http://www.weathershield.com/>

Double Hung and Casement Windows - - for both types of windows we recommend the weathershield series with the caveat that only the “all wood” window is acceptable. As with the Kolbe and the Pella windows, the weathershield series uses simulated divided light, with wooden grilles interior and exterior combined with bars between the glass to achieve the full effect of true divided light.

We also recommend:

Anderson Windows

100 Fourth Avenue North
Bayport, MN 55003-1096
1-800-426-4261
<http://www.andersenwindows.com/>

Double Hung Windows - - we recommend the ***Anderson 400 Series Woodwright Double Hung Windows***. This window is constructed of wood on the interior and Fibrex (a composite wood material) on the exterior. To simulate true divided light this window must include a ***Permanent Exterior and Permanent Interior Grilles with Spacer***, which is a combination of bars between the glass where pane divisions exist as well as a wooden grill mounted on both the interior and exterior of the glass.

Casement Windows - - At present Anderson does not make a satisfactory casement replacement window.

FRONT DOORS

(from the DCHPO Design Guidelines for Foxhall Village)

“Front doors are an important character-defining feature in Foxhall Village that should be preserved. Original doors are wood, often with distinctive shapes, hardware, and paneling and should be retained and repaired. If an original door is beyond repair, a replacement front door should match the material, shape, and details of the original door. If the original front door is no longer in place, the replacement door should be of the style and appearance that is found on similar houses that retain their original doors. On rear or other secondary elevations not visible from a street, replacement doors do not have to match original doors in terms of configuration or material.”

“A storm door on a front elevation should be installed within the existing door frame, simple in design with large glazed areas to allow the original front door to be visible, and painted or stained to be harmonious with the finish of the door.”

RECOMMENDED CRAFTSMEN FOR FRONT DOOR RESTORATION OR REPLACEMENT

Below is a list of local craftsmen who can either restore your front door (an appropriate solution in most cases where original is in place) or replicate your front door if the existing one is beyond repair or missing altogether. Note, these craftsmen can also restore your original windows and, in many cases, return them to like new condition for less than the cost of replacements.

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