

**Application for Design Review # 25.0011 AB**  
**39 ENGLEWOOD ROAD #9, Brighton, MA**

Proposed Work: Replace metal windows in unit with vinyl  
replacement windows

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## Problem Statement:

- The property has been purchased in April 2024. Address is 39 Englewood Ave, belongs to the Aberdeen district
- The property is a single room studio with one large window, which consists of 3 sections approximately totaling 93 inches in width
- The window is old, drafty and broken, which results in substantial loss of energy
- The window is moldy, which poses a potential health hazard for the occupant
- To replace the window we've retained a qualified window contractor - Nabi Multinational. The contractor has applied for the permit with City of Boston Inspectional Services (assigned number is SF16004822)
- The permit application has been declined by the District Architectural Committee on the grounds of proposed window being vinyl and not metal as required by the Aberdeen Historic District
- I am seeking support of the Committee with an exception. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated, given the fact that almost all windows manufactured today are vinyl, which offers numerous advantages to homeowners

# Reasons for Appeal and Re-Consideration (Cont., please)



- The building is a mid-century dating back to 1960, stylistically different from typical Aberdeen buildings circa 1890-1930 even though considered historical
- The unit in question (#9) has very limited visibility from the main street. The window is facing the driveway, not Englewood Ave
- The proposed window (ProVia) looks very similar to a metal-made window and blends in perfectly with the existing exterior of the building – all white
- Building a metal-based replacement is economically challenging.



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- The window is obstructed by the balcony above
- It is also partially obstructed by the shrub/tree
- This building has all white windows and balcony casings, which stylistically makes it hardly distinguishable whether metal or vinyl.
- Please note that some of the windows or balcony doors are vinyl upon closer examination, which does not stand out from the street and does not seem to create an undesired visual disturbance