

City of Crystal Lake
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Project Name: Van Natta House

Address: 127 College Street

Owner/ Applicant: Michael & Diana Penkava

Plan Type: Storm Window Repair

Plans and Date: Dubuque Sash & Door Mfg., dated 7/12/2011, received 7/20/2011

Ordinance Requirement: For landmarked buildings, the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance requires a Certificate of Appropriateness, to be issued by the Historic Preservation Commission, if the building is to be altered, extended or repaired in such a manner as to produce a major change in the exterior appearance. A major change would be an addition, alteration, maintenance, reconstruction, rehabilitation, renovation or repair. This project, the replacement of storm/screen windows on the Van Natta House received a Certificate of Appropriateness in 2008. This previous approval is attached for your reference.

Background Information: The Van Natta House was granted Historical Landmark designation on July 21, 1998. The structure in question contains elements of the Queen Anne style of architecture. The Van Natta house is 1.5 stories, with wood-siding and simple decorative detailing. While built in 1906, the main floor was originally part of the German Lutheran School constructed in 1885.

The distinctive gable and porch features are hallmarks of Queen Anne houses. One of the common shapes found in the Queen Anne style is a full-width, front gabled roof. The side gables also extend wall to wall and match the steep pitch of the front gable. The overhanging cornice and cornice returns on the front gable provide a contrast to the simple clapboard exterior walls. Window sashes exhibit a single pane of glass, which further serve to decorate the plain walls. The one-story, full-width porch is also typical of the style. It contains the front entrance and works to accentuate the façade of the house. Its current use is a single family residential home.

Project Description: This is the second phase of storm/screen replacement. This request is to install the storm/screen windows on the kitchen, hall, bath, stairs and the front bedroom. The estimated cost for the windows is \$2,038.32. The estimate is attached to this report.