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# 59-39 70th Avenue – Central Ridgewood Historic District Borough of Queens

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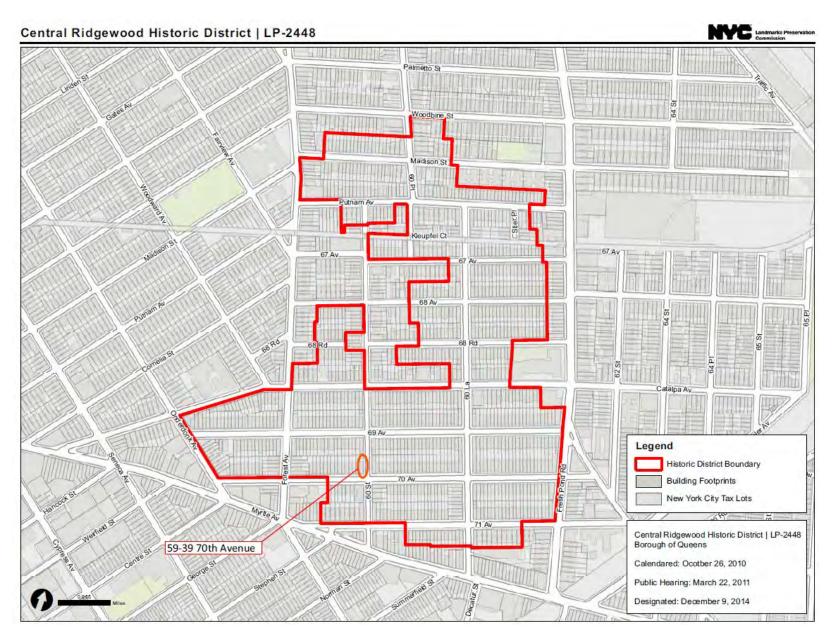
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59-39 70<sup>th</sup> AVENUE / LPC-23-03281 / RIDGEWOOD, QUEENS-3507-29

**PROPOSAL FOR LEGALIZATION OF ALTERATIONS** 





Requesting LPC approval for the following alterations:

#### Window replacement with new modifications:

Replacement of existing wood double-hung windows at basement and 1st floor with triple-glazed. Low-E, 45 DB noise reduction, steel-reinforced PVC, tilt/turn casement windows. (LPC Docket #WL-23-0136)

New color-matched self-adhesive, surface applied PVC window muntins to create appearance of double-hung windows.

#### **HVAC Units with new privacy screen:**

Installation of HVAC units at  $60^{th}$  St. façade. (LPC Docket # WL-23-0138)

New natural cedar privacy screen to conceal units from street level view.

#### **Rear addition alterations:**

Alterations to non-original rear yard addition, including reconfiguring openings and replacing windows and door, and replacement of existing aluminum siding with vinyl siding. (LPC Docket #WL-23-0137)

1940's Tax photo



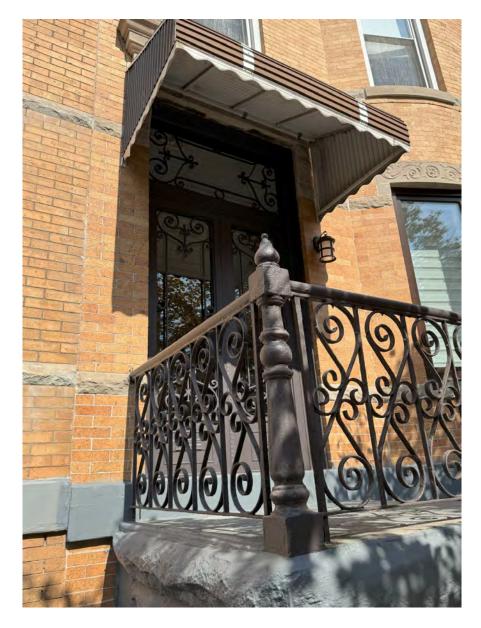


View from corner of  $70^{\text{th}}$  Avenue and  $60^{\text{th}}$  Street showing existing alterations



new windows modified to resemble existing double-hung configuration; HVAC units concealed with new privacy screen.

View from corner of 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 60<sup>th</sup> Street showing proposed new alterations

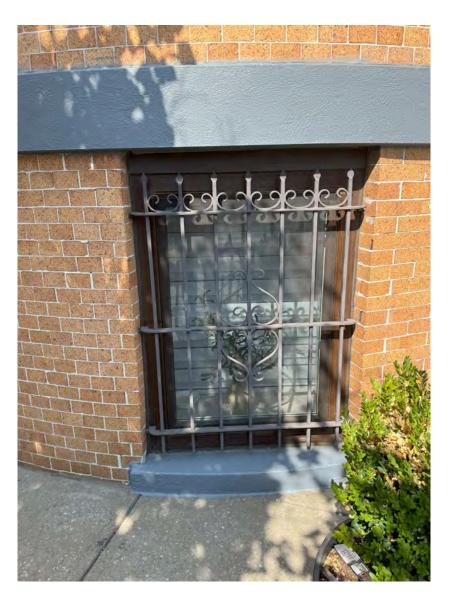


Detail view of original ironwork at 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. entry (9/23/25)

Detail view of new windows at 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 60<sup>th</sup> St. (9/23/25)



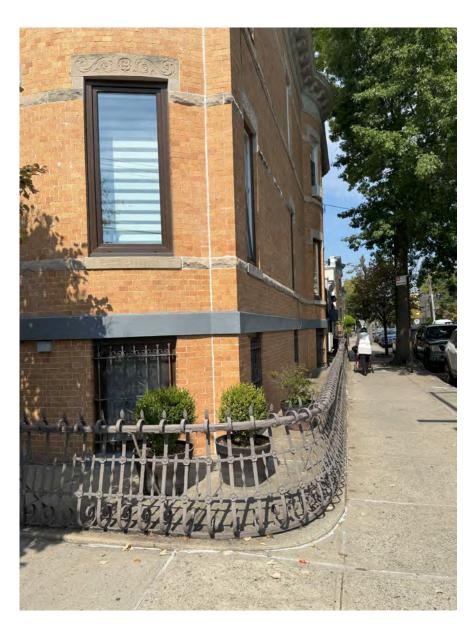
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Detail view of original ironwork at new windows (9/23/25)

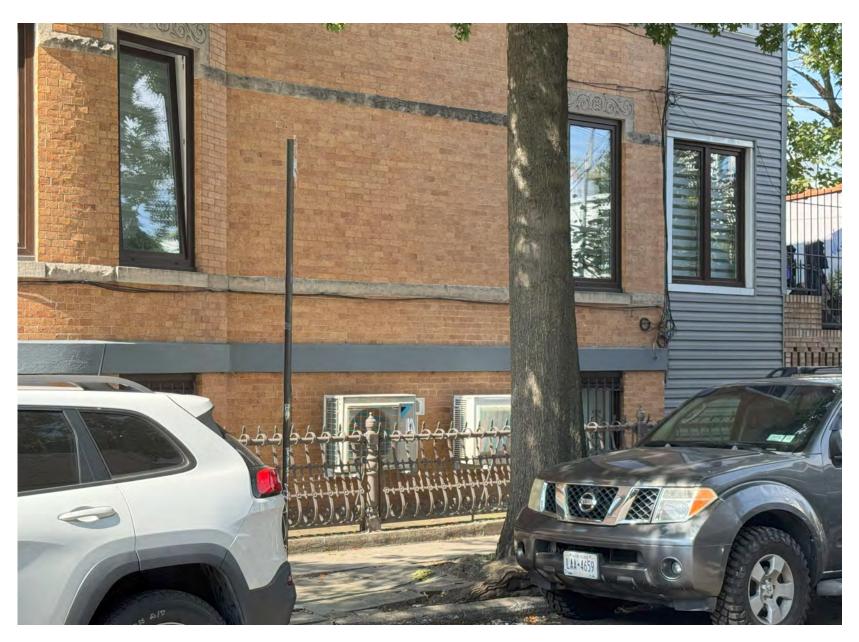


Detail view at 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 60<sup>th</sup> St. (9/23/25)

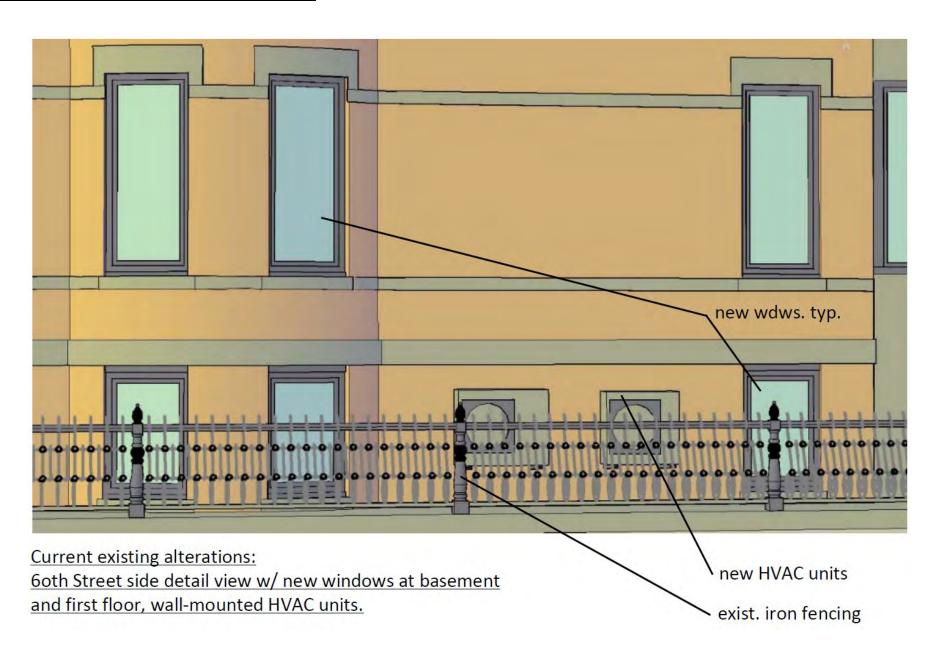


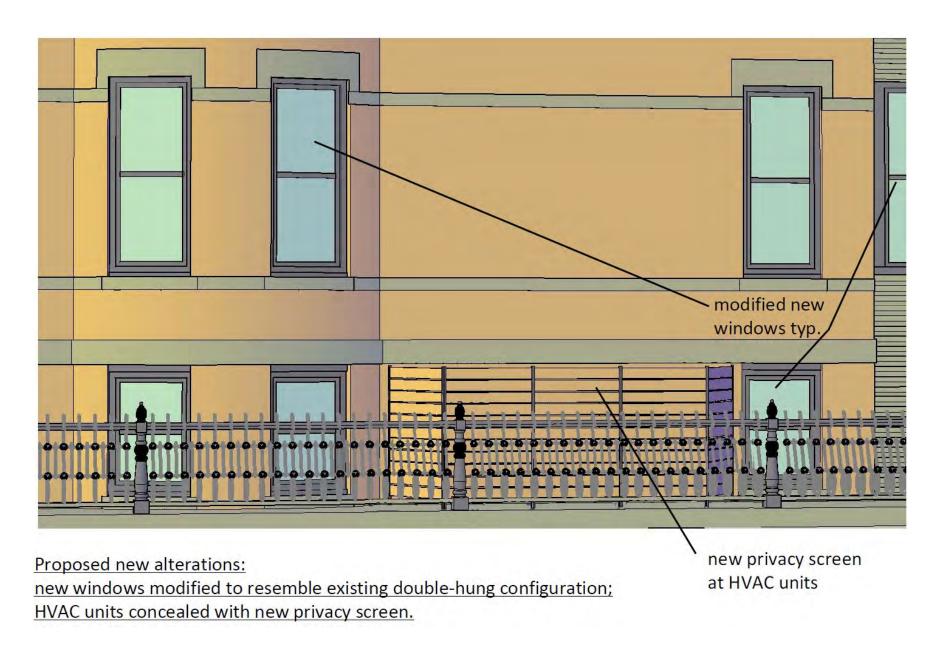
Detail view of original ironwork, new windows (9/23/25)





Detail view of 60<sup>th</sup> St. façade showing new windows, HVAC units (9/23/25)









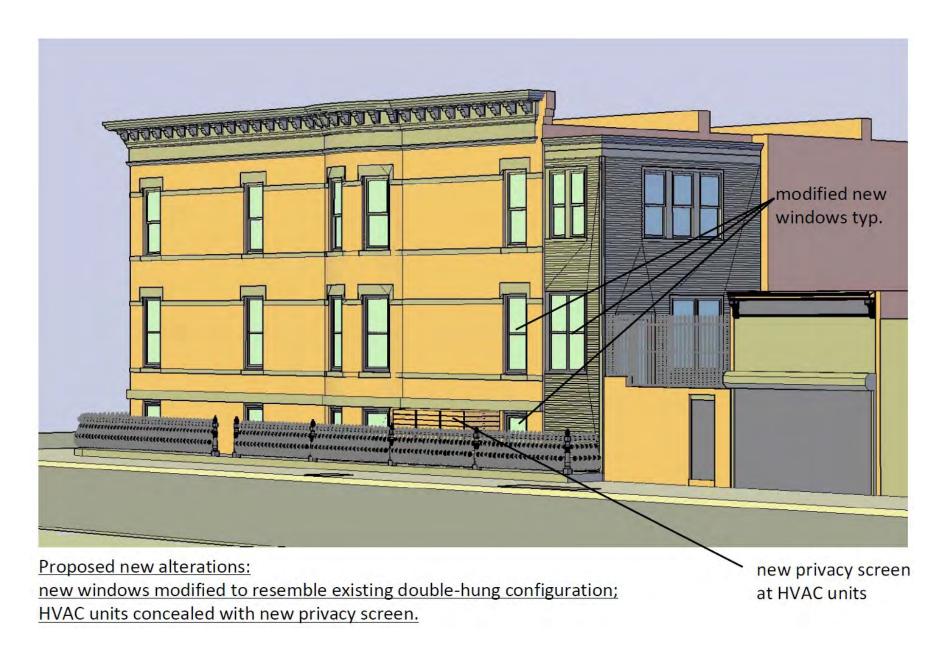


Detail view at new siding, alterations to exist. addition (9/23/25)



Current view from 60<sup>th</sup> Street rear (September 23, 2025)





#### **Window replacement:**

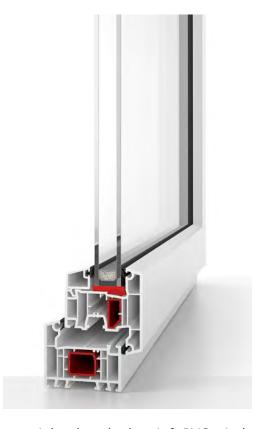
LPC expressed concern that the original single-pane white wood windows were double-hung and that the replacement windows are single-panels and inconsistent with the look of the original; also that the brown color of the new windows was inconsistent with the prior color.

The new windows as installed are triple-glazed, highly energy efficient and reduce noise transmission (due to adjacent restaurant expansion). It would be impractical and extremely expensive to replace the new windows with double-hung versions.

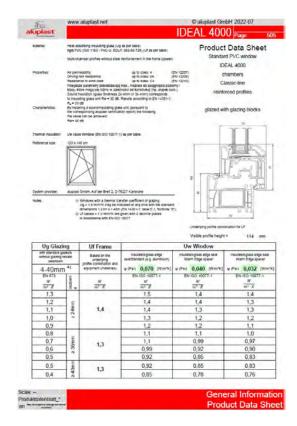
Proposed is the application of matching self-adhesive surface-mounted PVC muntins to create the look of double-hung. The white frame color, while currently common in the neighborhood, is in fact relatively recent. The original frame colors were typically dark brown or dark green. Proposed is to paint the remaining original white wood windows dark brown to match the new windows.



Original wood double hung window with original dark brown paint (at neighboring house 59-98 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue)



new triple-glazed stl.-reinf. PVC window section (illustration shows double-glazed)

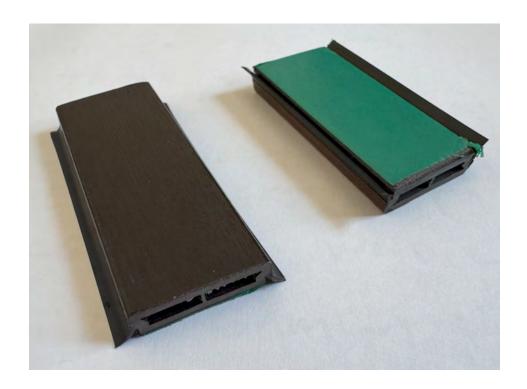


new Aluplast window specification (illustration shows double-glazed)

#### Window replacement/ modification detail:

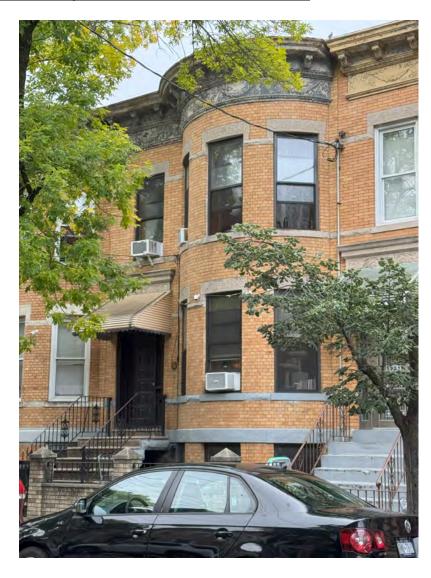






Self-adhesive surface-mounted PVC muntin samples

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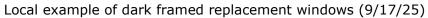
Local example of dark framed replacement windows (9/17/25)

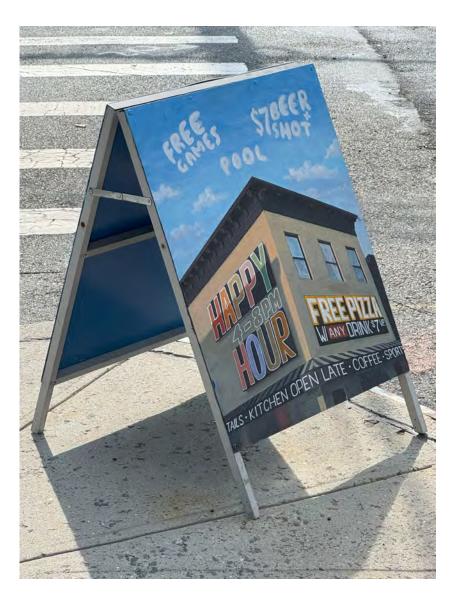


Local example of applied (wood) muntin to mimic double-hung

#### Window replacement/ modification detail:







"triple-glazed... and reduce noise transmission" (9/23/25)

#### **HVAC Units / New natural cedar privacy screen**

Removing the installed HVAC units from the 60th St. side yard would require major expense and interior disruption as the piping configuration runs through walls/ceilings to reach upper levels. Proposed is to maintain the units in their current location and install an attractive natural cedar privacy screen system that would conceal the units from view.

The top of the units is at 4'-11" above sidewalk level and 4'-3" above the raised sideyard paving. The top of the installed 5'-0" high panel system would be at 5'-8" above the adjacent sidewalk and would conceal the units from view and complement the yellow brick of the house.



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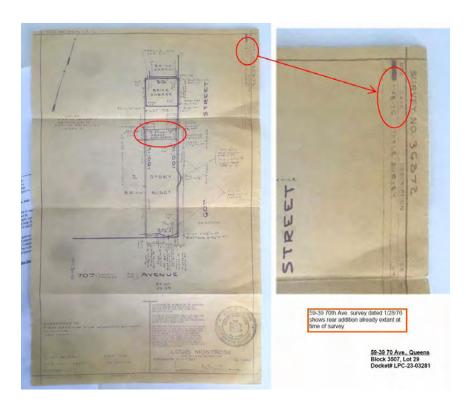
#### **Rear addition alterations:**

There are no available photos or records of the house prior to a 1976 survey. However, it's clear that the addition at the rear is not original to the structure as it seems that the only other house in the District with a similar addition is the house directly behind it at 59-98 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The siding in the 'before' photos at the rear of the house appears to be aluminum, also not original to the house overall. The new vinyl siding is clean, crisp, fresh, subdued in tone and color, and undented. The existing non-original addition at 59-98 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue also has vinyl siding of an earlier vintage.

The reconfiguration of window and door openings was limited to the removal of a non-original aluminum awning and the closing of two of the five existing windows on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the addition, on the back side of the house.

Proposed is legalization of this portion of the work in its current state, without any changes.





1976 Survey 59-39 70th Avenue

Detail view of new window configuration and siding (9/23/25)

#### **Rear addition alterations:**





Views along 60<sup>th</sup> Street toward rear of 59-39 70<sup>th</sup> Ave, showing rear addition and corresponding rear addition at 59-98 69<sup>th</sup> Ave.

#### **Rear addition alterations:**



View of rear addition at 59-98 69th Avenue

Vinyl siding dimensions 59-98 69th Ave.

Vinyl siding dimensions 59-39 70<sup>th</sup> Ave.

#### **Before / Current Street Views: Corner of 70th Avenue and 60th Street:**



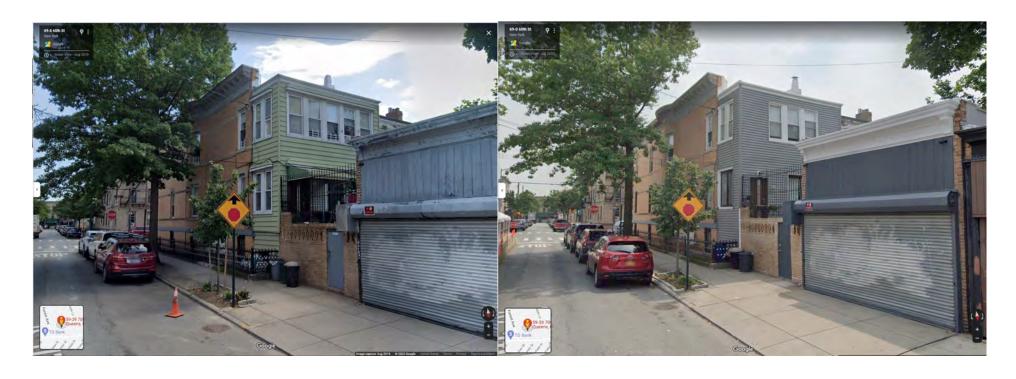
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#### **Before / Current Street Views: 60th Street facade:**



May 2012 July 2021

#### **Before / Current Street Views: 60th Street rear:**



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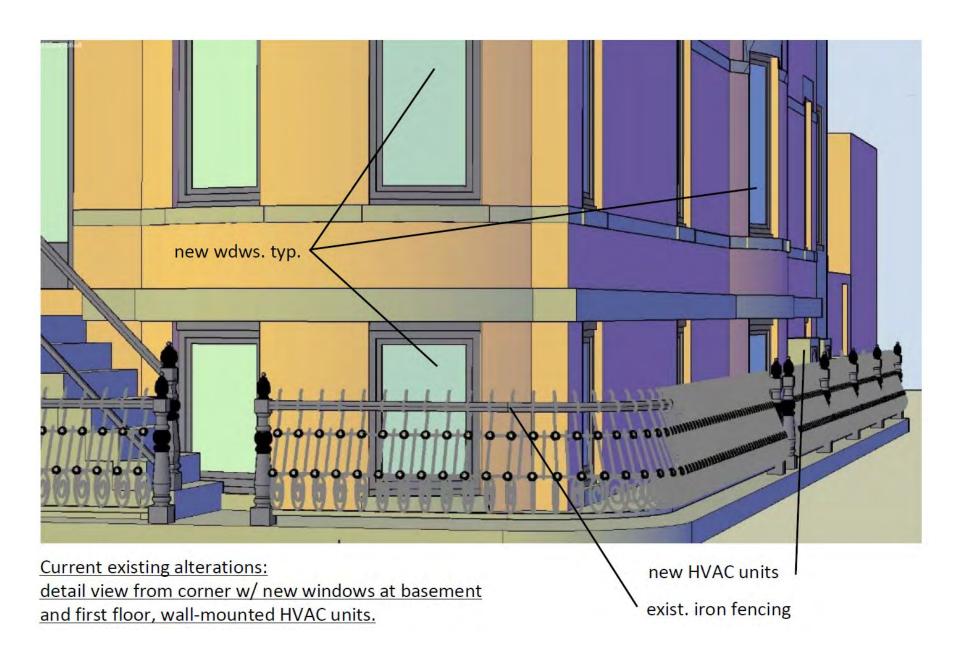
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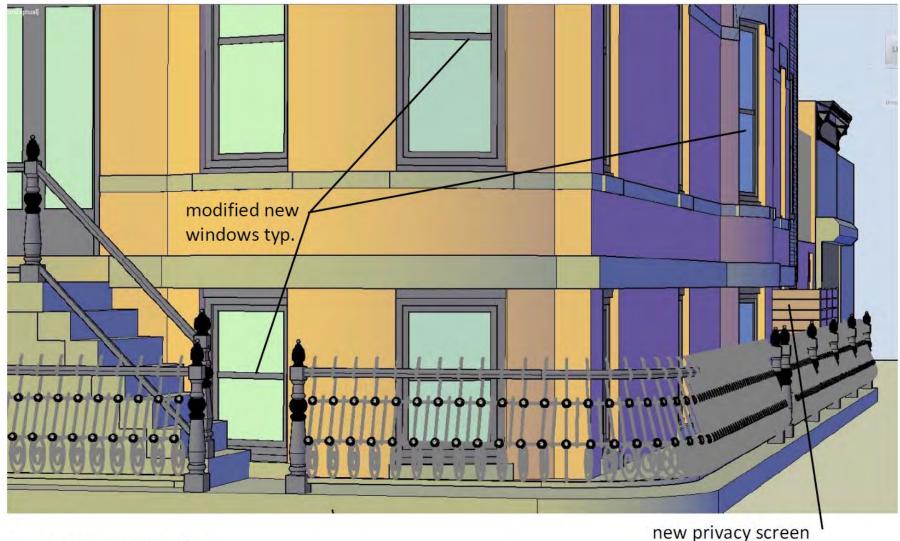
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### **APPENDIX**

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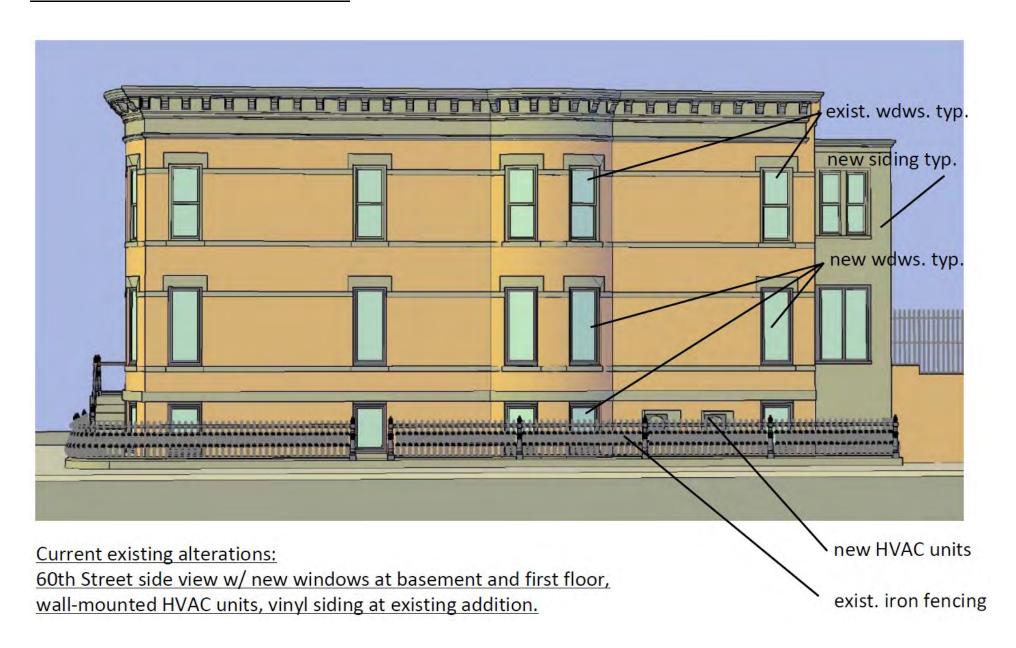


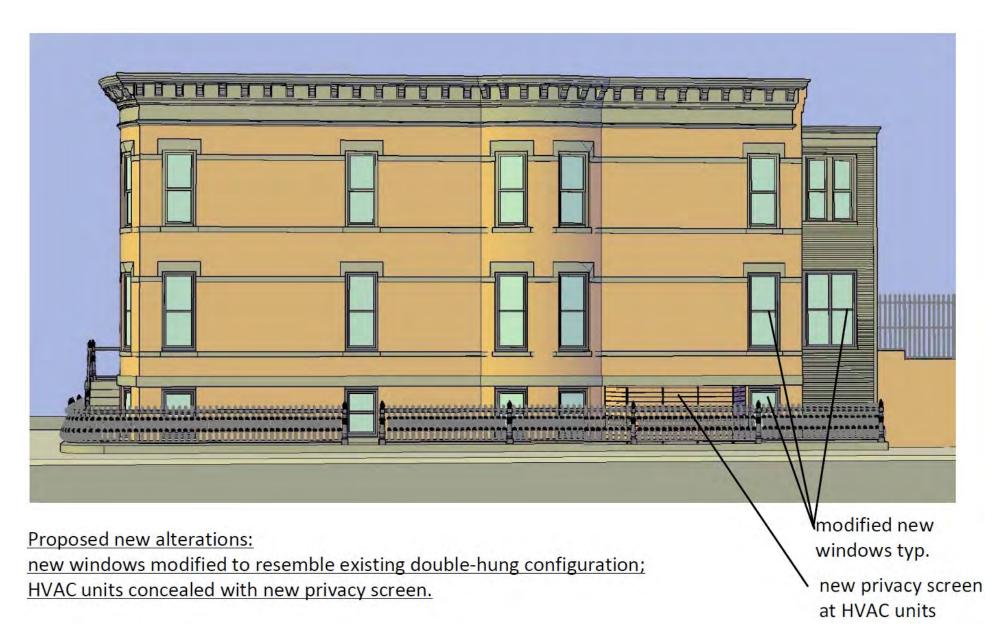


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at HVAC units







Detail view of original ironwork at new 60<sup>th</sup> St. window (9/23/25)

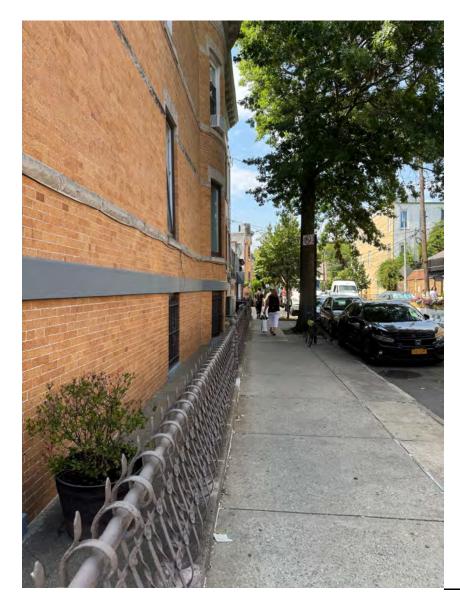


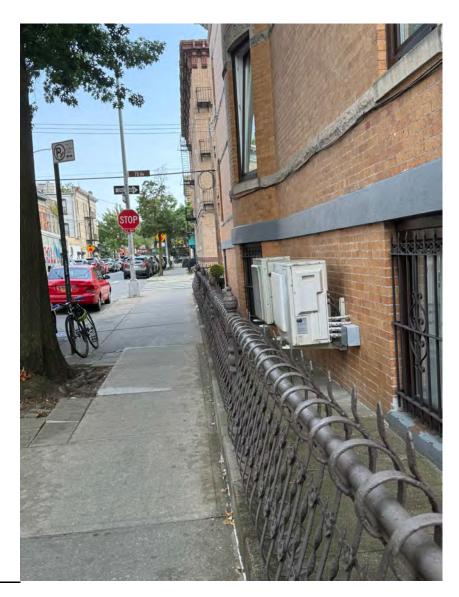
Detail view at new 60<sup>th</sup> St. window (9/23/25)



Detail view from 60<sup>th</sup> Street showing original ironwork, new HVAC units (9/23/25)

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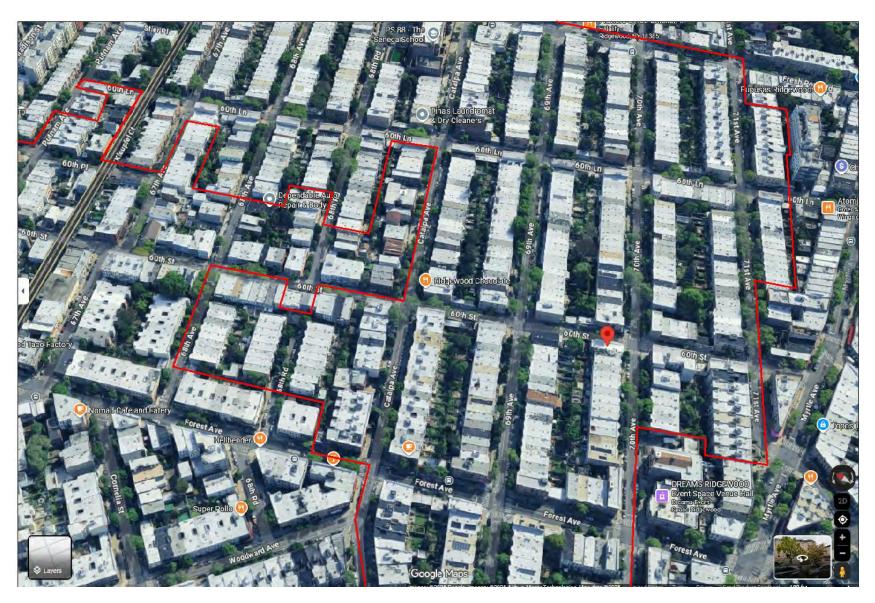




View of HVAC units from 70th Ave

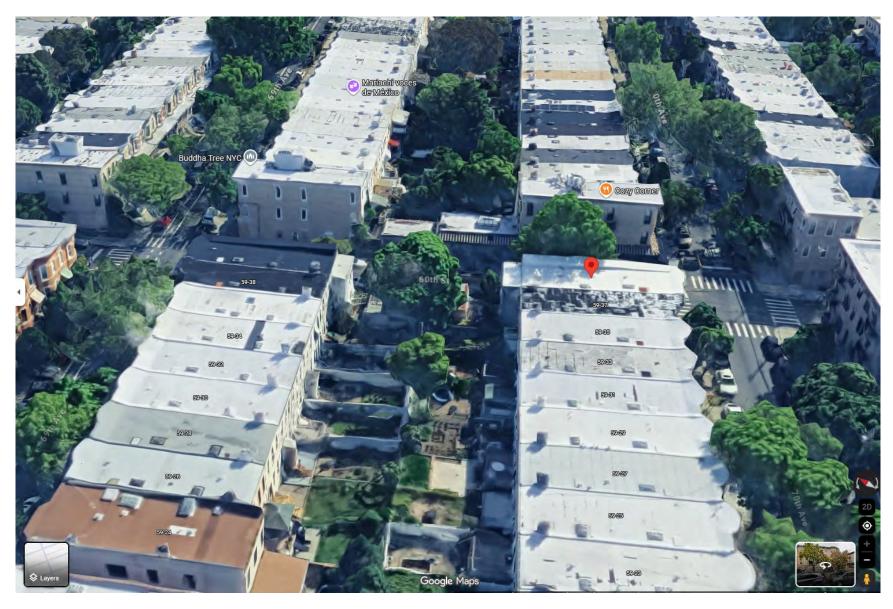
View of HVAC units toward 70th Ave

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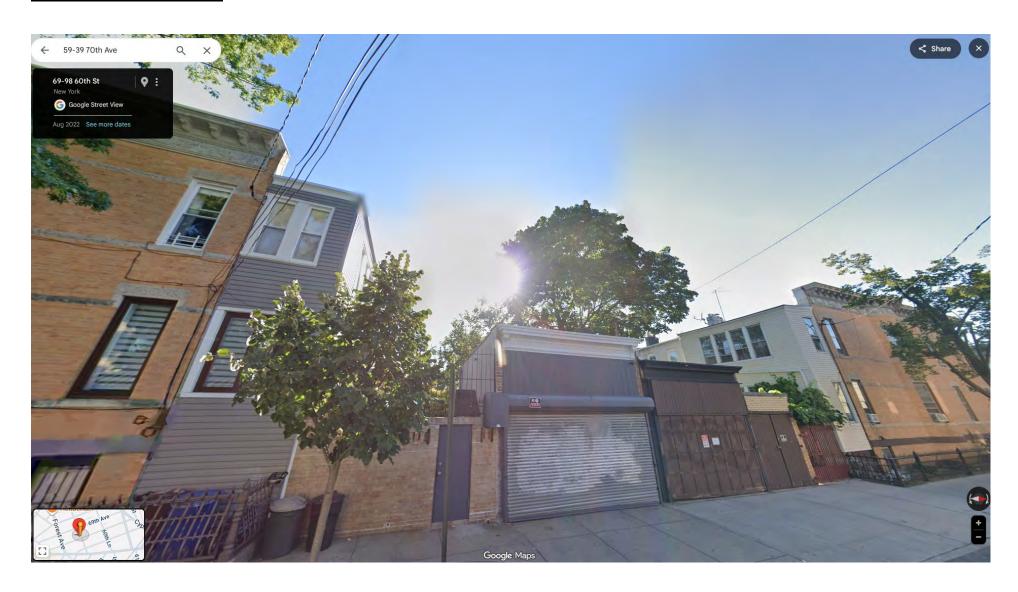


Location of 59-39 70<sup>th</sup> Ave in Central Ridgewood Historic District

#### **Rear addition alterations:**



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View from 60<sup>th</sup> Street at rear of 59-39 70<sup>th</sup> Ave, showing rear addition and corresponding facing rear addition at 59-98 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue

#### Before / Current Street Views: 70th Avenue at 60th Street restaurant expansion:



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View from corner of &0<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 60<sup>th</sup> Street (11/8/23)



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