

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
5358 N. Ashland Ave.
Chicago IL 60640

January 30, 2006

Alderman Mary Ann Smith
5533 N. Broadway
Chicago IL 60640

Dear Mary Ann:

We are writing you about the four two flats in the 5700 block of N. Winthrop—specifically 5727-31-37-39. We understand that the owner of the two southern most buildings [5727-5731] wishes to tear them down and build a bigger building in their place. We understand that he also owns 5737 Winthrop which shares a common wall with 5739 Winthrop, which is owned by George Kalogeras, and that he might also seek to tear down this one as well.

The four two flats were built by the Chicago Land, Loan and Construction Company in 1906 [permit 24199 issued March 30, 1906]. Interestingly, this is the same company that built the six two flats in the 5400 block of Wayne in Lakewood Balmoral [5447-57, permit issued September 1905].

These four two flats on Winthrop are nice examples of the second wave of development along Kenmore-Winthrop, namely the small flat buildings. While not as significant or as interesting as the single-family homes along the same streets [the preservation of which is our first priority], they nonetheless are desirable to retain. We would hope that the owner could be persuaded to sell to a developer who would retain at the minimum the front facades.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mayian
President
For the Board of Directors of
the Edgewater Historical
Society

Cc: Reggie Griffin, TABHS
Edgewater Community Council