

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Date: April 3, 2019
CASE #: COA2019-025

On April 3, 2019, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission approved the issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) on the application for the following work at the 1100 to 1300 blocks of West Fourth Street (even and odd) in the West End Historic Overlay District.

- Installation of curb extensions and high-visibility cross walks

Approval of this item granted **subject to the following conditions:**

- 1) Prior to installation of vegetation in the curb extensions, the applicant shall receive approval of the plant material from HRC staff. Said plant material shall comply with Guideline 4 of the *Vegetation* section of the West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines;
- 2) The applicant shall receive, prior to commencement of the work, all other required permits or permissions from governmental agencies;
- 3) Commission staff shall review and approve any revisions or deviations to any portion of the as-submitted work, that qualifies as a minor work, prior to commencement of that portion of the project; and
- 4) The applicant shall submit the *Certificate of Appropriateness Request for Certification of Completed Work* and photo documentation of the completed project to HRC staff within ten (10) days of its completion.

This COA runs with the property upon which the work is to be performed. The COA does not serve in any manner as a certification by the HRC or the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Division that the applicant or anyone else has the authority to be on the subject property to perform the approved work. You should perform your own due diligence to confirm whether you have the legal authority to be on the property to perform the approved work.



Kevin Owen, Chairman
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

The scope of work for this project must meet all other applicable building codes and ordinances. Any additional approvals or permits from the City must be obtained prior to initiating work.

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On April 3, 2019, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (“Commission”) conducted, in the above referenced matter, a public hearing in accordance with the statutes and case law pertaining to quasi-judicial proceedings for the issuance of certificates of appropriateness. During the hearing, Heather Bratland, Historic Resources Officer, presented the staff report, findings, and recommendation. Jeffrey Fansler, Deputy Director of Transportation for the City of Winston-Salem, applicant, and John Merschel, representative of the full board of the West End Association, appeared to present testimony and evidence in support of the application. No one appeared to present testimony and evidence in opposition to the application. Michael Wiseman, resident of Fourth Street, asked questions regarding the application.

After presentation of all testimony and evidence, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the hearing, finds that the proposed project is not incongruous with the character of West End Historic Overlay District because:

- 1) The proposed high visibility crosswalk features include curb ramps, ADA-compliant detectable warning domes in black, and 24” white crosswalk lines alternated with 24” gaps at five (5) crossings. A small amount of granite curbing will be removed to accommodate the sloped curb ramps. The new concrete curb ramps will be tinted to match the surrounding concrete sidewalks. The proposal does not include any crosswalk signage other than the striping, minimizing the visual impact on the West Fourth Street corridor. (*Public Rights-of-Way and Alleys*, West End Guidelines 5 and 9)
- 2) The proposed curb extensions will narrow the travel lanes on West Fourth Street to slow traffic, but they will not require any changes to the existing lines of the roadway or granite curbing. The curb extensions will be located 2’ out from the existing gutters to preserve the granite curbing and permit drainage of storm water. The perimeters of the curb extensions will be defined with granite curbing. The curb extensions will be back-filled with dirt to allow for planting of low-maintenance vegetation, such as liriope or another ornamental grass. Where a crosswalk will pass through the curb extension, curb ramps and dome mats will provide a continuous surface with the street. (*Public Rights-of-Way and Alleys*, West End Guidelines 2 and 3)
- 3) The proposed realignment of the curb at the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and West Fourth Street maintains the curvilinear street pattern characteristic of the West End while solving a serious safety problem by creating a more well-defined stop. The existing granite curb will be relocated to the new curb line, and the area inside the curb line will be backfilled and planted with low-maintenance vegetation. A new section of matching

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sidewalk will connect the existing sidewalk to the new crosswalk. (*Public Rights-of-Way and Alleys*, West End Guideline 4)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby approves COA2019-025 at the 1100 to 1300 blocks of West Fourth Street (odd and even) within the West End Historic Overlay District, with the following conditions:

- 1) Prior to installation of vegetation in the curb extensions, the applicant shall receive approval of the plant material from HRC staff. Said plant material shall comply with Guideline 4 of the *Vegetation* section of the West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines;
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This the fourth day of April, 2019.



Kevin G. Owen, Chair
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission