

STAFF REPORT
for
October 2, 2019 HRC MEETING

Case #: COA2019-100
Staff: Michelle M. McCullough

Applicant: Mary C. Tribble/William K. Parker
Owner: Mary C. Tribble

LOCATION

District: Old Salem Historic District
Street: 813 South Church Street
Buildings: Philip Reich House, Old Salem #20
Local Historic Landmarks#: 21

REQUEST(S)

- After-the-fact installation of a flood light, security cameras, hanging light fixture in rear porch area, and relocation of flood light.

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES

Forsyth County Design Review Guidelines for Local Historic Landmarks and Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Guidelines
(Please refer to the applicable sections of the *Guidelines*, as detailed in the staff comments.)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/ELEMENTS

Please refer to the information provided with the application.

STAFF COMMENTS

Old Salem has been established as a Historic District, a museum-quality district. However, since its establishment, there have been occasions that modern features, such as exterior lighting and heating and air units, have been allowed in the District. The Commission is to ensure that when such features are required or added that they do not compromise the special character of the individual property or the District as a whole.

STAFF FINDINGS

Commission staff finds that the work is not incongruous with the character of the Local Historic Landmark #21 and the Old Salem Historic District because:

- 1) The installed cameras are 3" diameter and 10 ½" in length, that are black in color. The cameras are located behind the gutter at the southwest corner on the front facade and at the southeast corner of the rear porch. The new flood light is a single bulb fixture at the northeast corner of the building. The flood light with a double bulb fixture that existed in the rear or east elevation, was relocated roughly 7 feet from its original location. The hanging light is located in the center of the rear porch. The cameras and lights are made of modern materials and design, however, the color and location makes the cameras and lights unobtrusive and minimizes the visual impact on to the historic building. The character-defining features and historic fabric of the property are preserved, while allowing this modern accessory feature necessary at this location on the building. The installation does not compromise the special character of this individual property and District as a whole. (*Lighting*, Old Salem Guidelines 1 and 4, *Accessory Features*, Old Salem Guideline 9 and *Exterior Lighting*, Landmark Guidelines 6 and 7, *Utilities and Energy Retrofit*, Landmark Guideline 7)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding findings, staff recommends that the Commission approve COA2019-100 at the Philip Reich House, located at 813 South Church Street, Local Historic Landmark #21, within the Old Salem Historic District (PIN# 6835-32-4340).