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FORSYTH COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

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ORDER)
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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

CASE NUMBER COA2019-111

On November 6, 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. John Newman, applicant, appeared to present testimony and evidence in support of the application. No one appeared to present testimony and evidence in opposition to 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 incongruous with the West End Historic Overlay District because:

- 1) It is not appropriate to remove large, healthy, mature trees. The report of the Urban Forester states, “One [tree] was an 18”dbh Boxelder (*Acer negundo*), the other a 12.5” Red maple (*Acer rubrum*). The Boxelder had already dropped its leaves, most likely due to heat and drought stress. There were a few dead limbs in the crown but nothing excessive or enough to indicate the tree was in a state of obvious decline. Sounding with a mallet revealed no obvious structural anomalies nor were any observed visually. I would rate the health of this tree as moderate. The Red Maple is healthy and growing with vigor. Both trees are living beneath the canopy of an impressive Red oak, which has influenced the growth patterns of both smaller trees as they are “reaching for sunlight”. Even so, they are adapting as trees do and do not appear to be hazardous or in a state of decline, which would necessitate removal at this time.” (*Vegetation, West End Guideline 5*)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby denies COA2019-111 at the Y.M.C.A., located at 775 West End Boulevard, within the West End Historic Overlay District

This the seventh day of November, 2019.



Kevin G. Owen, Chair
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission