

Minor Work Approval and Other Requests Report Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

January 2, 2020

The following Minor Work applications have been reviewed and approved by Commission staff from November 14, 2019 to December 11, 2019.

1. **COA2019-129**

I Can't Believe It's Yogurt! Store
750 Summit Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #143
Noncontributing

Request: Replacement of existing exterior lighting with new fixtures

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines: Guideline 3 of the Noncontributing Structures section

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove existing floodlight fixtures that wash the awnings with light. The applicant proposes to install cylindrical up-down lights on the projecting columns around the front and sides of the building. The proposed lights will highlight the architecture of the building and are compatible with its current style and character. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

2. **COA2019-132**

YWCA Administration Building
1201 Glade Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #335
Local Historic Landmark #128
Contributing

Request: Removal of a dangerous Poplar tree

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines, Guideline 5 of the Vegetation section; Forsyth County Design Review Guidelines for Local Historic Landmarks, Guideline 6 of the Site Features and Plantings section

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove a large double-stemmed Poplar tree. Per the Urban Forester, "Large dead limbs could be seen in the upper crown overhanging power lines, a City sidewalk and the building. Some of these limbs are quite large and capable of causing extensive damage to person and property when they fall. The tops of both co-dominant stems were lost in the past. This has resulted in extensive decay in the trunk portions of both stems. The tree was also previously struck by lightning. The long vertical scar can be seen from the Glade street side of the tree. Extensive amount of included bark was noted in the primary crotch where both stems originate. This is a significant structural flaw which predisposes the tree to failure. ... When considering the massive size of this tree, history of damage, structural deficiencies and declining health, this tree has a high probability of failure. When considering its proximity to an immovable inhabited structure as well as a heavily traveled City street, the potential to cause great harm to person and property is significant. For this reason I support the applicants request to remove this tree in the interest of safety." Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

3. **COA2019-133**
Right-of-way at Bemby L. Sharp House
634 Summit Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #125
Contributing
Request: Removal of a dangerous Sugar maple tree

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines, Guideline 5 of the Vegetation section

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove a double-stemmed Sugar maple tree in the right-of-way. Per the Urban Forester, "While out in West End today I saw a 22.5" dbh Sugar Maple in need of removal. There is a vertical split between the two co-dominant stems strongly predisposing the tree to failure. This tree is in need of expedited removal." Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

4. **COA2019-134**
John E. Coleman House
533 Summit Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #110
Contributing
Request: Installation of two battery-powered security lights at the front porch

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines, Guideline 3 of the Lighting section

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to install two battery-powered security lights at the entry porch. Currently, the entry porch has a single light at the front door, and no lighting on its wraparound wings. The owners experienced an attempted break-in through a window on one side of the porch and would like to add security lighting. The battery-powered lights will not require any penetrations for wiring. They have a motion detection range of 30', so they will not be activated by passers-by on the public sidewalks. The fixtures will be mounted away from the street, in unobtrusive locations under the porch fascia boards. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

5. **COA2019-135**
Zevely House
901 West Fourth Street, Winston-Salem
Local Historic Landmark #13
West End Historic Overlay District #153
Contributing
Request: Removal and replacement of non-original wood steps, railing, and porch floor

Guideline 5 of the Porches, Entrances, Balconies, and Enclosures section of the Landmark Guidelines and Guideline 3 of the Entrances, Porches, Enclosures, and Balconies section of the West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines.

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove a rotten front stair, railing, and porch floor and proposes to replace with a wood stair and porch floor to match the existing. The railing will be a design that includes wood balusters and hand rail that is consistent with the character of the Landmark. The building was relocated to this site without a front porch, steps or railing. All of these features were added when it was moved to the new site. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the Landmark and District and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark and District.

6. **COA2019-136**
Fred B. Trivette House House
1508-1510 Jarvis Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #574
Contributing
Request: Removal of a dangerous Silver maple tree

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines, Guideline 5 of the Vegetation section

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove a dangerous Sugar maple tree that partially overhangs the house. Per the Urban Forester, "The leader overhanging the house is obviously dead and the decay fungus is present from the branch union down the trunk. The tree is a Silver Maple which is susceptible to the effects of decay. I would recommend the expedited removal of this tree." Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

7. **COA2019-137**
Lunn-Wolfe House
612 Summit Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #121
Contributing
Request: Installation of a concrete walkway with cobblestone enhancements

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines, Guidelines 5 and 9 of the Walkways, Steps, and Railings section

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to replace the deteriorated cobblestone walkway with a concrete walkway with cobblestone enhancements. The proposed walkway will meet the accessibility requirements of the home's residents, who need a smooth path from the sidewalk to the house. The proposed walkway will match the previous walkway in location, length, and width. The new design is compatible in materials and textures with the historic character of the Lunn-Wolfe House and the West End. Concrete is a preferred replacement material for walkways in the West End. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.