

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

February 5, 2020

The following Minor Work applications have been reviewed and approved by Commission staff from December 12, 2019 to January 15, 2020.

1. **COA2019-138**
Spring Park
West Broad Street and West End Boulevard, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #80
Contributing
Request: Removal of a dead Poplar tree

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

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove a dead poplar tree in the bowl section of the park. The report of the Urban Forester states, "It is obvious by the state of decline the tree has been dead for some time. It has gone unnoticed due to the fact it is enveloped by Ivy vines which masked the condition of the tree. It has deteriorated to an extent that significant portions of the top have begun to break out and fall. Given the condition of the tree and its proximity to a heavily traveled street it presents a significant hazard to pedestrians and motorists. I am seeking an expedited COA for its removal in the interest of public 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.

2. **COA2019-139**
Dull House
1209-1211 Brookstown Avenue, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #294
Contributing
Request: Removal of a dead oak tree

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

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove a dead oak tree. This tree was noted as dead and in need of removal during recent walks in the West End with the Urban Forester and Duke Energy. 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. **COA2019-140**
Public Right-of-Way
Triangle median at Summit Street and Carolina Avenue, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District
Contributing
Request: Removal of two diseased Cherry trees

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

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove two diseased Cherry trees. Your report states, "Both trees are in an irreversible state of decline as evidenced by the pervasive dieback in their crowns. Decay fungus can be seen in significant amounts on the trunks and limbs both trees. Each tree is diminished physically and aesthetically to the point that they are of no benefit to the district." 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. COA2020-007

House

1251 West Fourth Street, Winston-Salem

West End Historic Overlay District #484

Contributing

Request: Replacement of a deteriorated gravel driveway with a concrete driveway

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines: Guidelines 2 and 6 of the Driveways and Parking - General section

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to pour a concrete slab from the sidewalk to the rear building line of the house, replacing the deteriorated single-car wide gravel driveway with a concrete driveway. The existing gravel driveway is significantly deteriorated, such that the area is largely overgrown with grass. The historic curb cut remains, however. 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.