

STAFF REPORT
for
March 4, 2020 HRC MEETING

Case #: COA2020-020
Staff: Michelle M. McCullough

Applicant: Salem Congregation
David Bergstone

LOCATION

District: Old Salem Historic District
Street: 455 South Main Street
Building: Belo House
Status: Contributing
Local Historic
Landmark#: n/a

REQUEST(S)

- Installation of an internet receiver

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES

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 FINDINGS

Commission staff finds that the project is not incongruous with the character of the Old Salem Historic Overlay District because:

- 1) Installation of the internet receiver in the middle of the roof will not be visible from the street and will have no impact on the character of the property. (*Accessory Features*, Old Salem Guideline 4)
- 2) The internet receiver is 10.25" in diameter and 6.04" in width and will be attached to an existing vent pipe. The vent pipes are between 2' and 3' high. Accordingly, the receiver will not be visible from the street. Therefore, internet receiver size and scale does not detract from the character of the building or District. (*Accessory Features*, Old Salem Guideline 9)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding findings, staff recommends that the Commission approve COA2020-020 at the Belo House, located at 455 South Main Street, within the Old Salem Historic District (PIN# 6835-23-9783.00), with the following conditions:

- 1) The applicant shall receive, prior to commencement of the work, all other required permits or permissions from governmental agencies;

- 2) 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
- 3) The applicant shall submit the Certificate of Appropriateness Request for Certification of Completed Work form and photo documentation of the completed project to HRC staff within ten (10) days of its completion.