On September 2, 2020, 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. Robert Falkowski, property owner, and Michael Falkowski, property manager, appeared to present testimony and evidence in support of the application. John Mersheel, representing the West End Neighborhood Association, 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 character of the West End Historic Overlay District because:

1) Vinyl windows with grids between the glass are not appropriate in areas of high visibility. The windows in areas of high visibility must be either true divided light windows or simulated divided light windows with permanently applied interior and exterior muntins. (Noncontributing Structures, West End Standard 1; Windows and Doors, West End Standard 6)

2) While it is possible that asbestos shingle was the original exterior cladding material, the boxed in eaves and enclosure of the left side porch indicate that the House had been re-clad sometime prior to the 1980s. Given the prevalence and relatively low cost of wooden clapboards, they were most likely originally used to clad the House. Removal of the vinyl siding and asbestos shingle to expose the clapboard is appropriate. The applicant has not shown that this is not feasible. Moreover, the applicant has not shown that using new wood clapboard is not feasible, which is necessary for the Commission to consider the use of a substitute material. (Noncontributing Structures, West End Standard 1; Wood, West End Standards 4 and 5)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby denies COA2020-094 at the House located at 1519 Jarvis Street, within the West End Historic Overlay District (PIN 6825-64-9591.00).
This the third day of September, 2020.

Kevin G. Owen, Chair
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission