

NORTH CAROLINA)
) FORSYTH COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION
FORSYTH COUNTY)

ORDER)
) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
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) CASE NUMBER COA2021-005

On February 3, 2021, 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. No one 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 not incongruous with the character of the West End Historic Overlay District because:

- 1) The applicant proposes to terrace the rear yard at the edge of the brick paver patio using two stone walls. The terraces navigate the change in grade between the lower elevation of the house and patio with the higher elevation of the parking pad and alley at the rear of the lot. The lower stone wall uses brick piers separated by sections of mortared stone, all capped with a masonry bench seat. Low landscape lighting is located under the seat and washes the lower wall. The upper wall is dry-stacked rock only. The new walls are compatible with the extant site topography and have no impact on historic site features. (*Retaining and Other Landscaping Walls*, West End Standards 5 and 9; *Exterior Lighting*, West End Standards 2 and 6)
- 2) Deteriorated wooden steps at the rear door of the house were replaced with cut stone steps. The wooden steps were not a component of a porch or other historic feature of the house. Rather, they sat atop the brick patio. The dimensions of the new steps are appropriate, and they do not impact any historic features or the topography. (*Walkways and Steps*, West End Standard 7)
- 3) A slate pathway that was hazardous during rain was replaced with a new pathway of natural stepping stones that matches the stone steps in the rear yard. The dimensions of the walkway are appropriate for pedestrian use. The walkway navigates the extant topography and does not impact any historic site features. (*Walkways and Steps*, West End Standard 7)
- 4) The extant parking area was regraded and enlarged with respect to the width of the lot to address issues with water runoff and create a larger level area at the rear of the lot, adjacent to the alley. The parking area was covered with crusher run and Yadkin river pebble as a top coat. The expanded parking area did not impact any historic site features and had a

minimal impact on the topography. It is located in an area of low visibility and is not visible from the public rights-of-way. (*Driveways and Parking Areas*, West End Standards 5 and 7)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby approves COA2021-005 at the Claytie C. Harper House, located at 914 Carolina Avenue, within the West End Historic Overlay District (PIN 6825-77-8403.00).

This the fourth day of February, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KEVIN G. OWEN". The letters are somewhat stylized and there are some horizontal lines through the letters, possibly indicating a signature that was written over a printed name or a signature that was written over a signature.

Kevin G. Owen, Chair
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Date: February 3, 2021

CASE #: COA2021-005

On February 3, 2021, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission approved the issuance of this Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) on the application for the following work at the Claytie C. Harper House, located at 914 Carolina Avenue in the West End Historic Overlay District.

- **After-the-fact grading and paving**

This COA runs with the property upon which the work is to be performed. The COA does not serve in any manner as a certification by the HRC or the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Division that the applicant or anyone else has the authority to be on the subject property to perform the approved work. You should perform your own due diligence to confirm whether you have the legal authority to be on the property to perform the approved work.

This Certificate of Appropriateness expires on February 3, 2024.



Kevin G. Owen, Chair
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

The scope of work for this project must meet all other applicable building codes and ordinances. Any additional approvals or permits from the City must be obtained prior to initiating work.