

**Minor Work Approval and Other Requests Report
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission
April 6, 2022**

The following Minor Work applications have been reviewed and approved by Commission staff from February 10, 2022, to March 16, 2022.

1. COA2022-011

Robert M. Hanes House
140 North Stratford Road, Winston-Salem
Local Historic Landmark #124
Request: Removal of Willow oak tree

Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks: Standard 6 of the Site Features and Plantings section

Staff Comments: The applicant proposes to remove a hazardous Willow Oak tree in the rear of the property. The City's Urban Forester and staff reviewed the tree on February 15, 2022, and below are the comments from the Urban Forester's report.

The large Willow oak is a very large specimen with a 70" diameter at breast height measurement (DBH). The tree is located directly behind the house at the patio. The root mass has disrupted much of the patio and dislodged many of the tiles. I began the inspection at ground level and really needed to go no further. An open cavity was immediately noticed on the root flare. When a probe was inserted, it sank several feet in all directions before meeting any kind of measurable resistance. The fruiting bodies of last year's decay fungus can be seen on half the surface area of the root crown. This indicates that nearly half the root system of this tree has been compromised. This is concerning when taking into account how much mass is being supported by a severely diminished root system. When considering the size of the tree, the presence of significant decay in the root flares, proximity to an immovable target and the potential to cause massive harm to person and property in the event of failure, this tree meets all the criteria to be deemed a hazard and should be given priority for removal if that is the desire of the property owner.

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the Landmark and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark.

2. COA2022-012

Union Station
300 South Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem
Local Historic Landmark #105
Request: Installation of intercoms and CCTV cameras

Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks: Standard 7 of the Utilities and Energy Retrofit section

Staff Comments: The applicant proposes to install two low profile intercoms and two CCTV cameras on the track level exterior of Union Station. The intercoms and cameras are to increase security measures at the building. The intercoms are roughly 15" by 22" and will be mounted on the exterior above the existing access control readers using a small concrete screw. The cameras are 4.35" by 3.7" and will be mounted at the north and south ends of the track level exterior just below the awning in a location of low visibility, using a small concrete screw. Cameras and intercoms are off-white in color and will blend with the exterior. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the Landmark and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark.

3. COA2022-013

William S. Shepherd House
903 West End Boulevard, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #387
Contributing

Request: Replacement of the deteriorated front walkway

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standards 3 and 5 of the Walkways and Steps section

Staff Comments: The applicant proposes to replace the existing deteriorated, red-tinted concrete walkway with a red brick walkway laid in running bond. The existing walkway is cracked in multiple places and shows evidence of prior patching. The proposed new brick walkway is a new design compatible with the special character of the property and West End. Brick is an appropriate material for walkways in areas of high visibility. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

4. COA2022-014

Salem Tavern

800 South Main Street, Winston-Salem

Local Historic Landmark #48

Old Salem Historic District

Request: Installation of two exterior furnace vents to meet current code

Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks and Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriations (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standard 7 of the Utilities and Energy Retrofit section, District Standards 1 and 9 of the Accessory Features section and District Standards 1 and 6 of the Safety, Accessibility and Code Requirements section

Staff Comments: The applicant proposes to install two pipes above the second story windows on the rear elevation of the Tavern. The pipes are to meet current building code 2018 NCMC code 801.11. The current venting out the chimney is no longer allowed due to the use of the wood burning fireplace on the first floor. The furnace is to be vented with two 2" PVC pipes through west brick wall located above the detailed arch brick work above the second-floor windows. Penetrations will not exceed minimum circumference requirements for specified pipe. Both penetrations to be horizontally and vertically symmetrical to maximize aesthetics. PVC and any necessary caulking to be painted to match the brick and/or mortar. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the Landmark and District and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark and District.

5. COA2022-015

Volz House - Barn

916 South Main Street, Winston-Salem

Local Historic Landmark #14

Old Salem Historic District

Request: Replace wood shingle roof with matching roof

Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks and Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriations (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standard 7 of the Utilities and Energy Retrofit section, District Standards 1 and 9 of the Accessory Features section and District Standards 1 and 6 of the Safety, Accessibility and Code Requirements section

Staff Comments: The applicant proposes to remove the existing deteriorated wooden shake roof shingles and replace with hand split cedar shakes. The new material will match the existing as close as possible in design, dimension, detail, proportion, texture, and pattern. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the Landmark and District and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark and District.

**6. COA2022-016
Parrish-McDermott House
1412 Brookstown Avenue, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #315
Contributing**

Request: Replacement of modern windows in rear addition

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standards 5, 8, and 9 of the Windows and Doors section

Staff Comments: The applicant proposes to replace the four existing 1/1 and five awning windows in the rear addition constructed in the 1980s with 6/1 windows to replicate the muntin pattern in the historic portion of the house. The awning window openings will be enlarged and reconfigured to accommodate a triple window flanked by two single windows. One new window opening will be cut into the sidewall of the addition, for a total of ten windows. The wooden replacement windows will have removable muntins in the upper sash. This addition is located beyond the original rear wall of the house, and therefore is in an area of low visibility. The new windows are compatible with the special character of the building, and window openings may be enlarged or added in areas of low visibility. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.