

STAFF REPORT

APRIL 6, 2022 HRC MEETING

Case #: COA2022-019
Staff: Heather M. Bratland
Applicant: Rusty Carringer, Crown Castle

LOCATION

District: West End Historic Overlay District
Street: Shamrock and West Fourth Streets, Winston-Salem
Building: Right-of-way
Status: Contributing
Local Historic
Landmark#: n/a

REQUEST(S)

- Installation of a utility pole and antenna

APPLICABLE DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards available at:
<https://www.cityofws.org/DocumentCenter/View/4089>

STAFF FINDINGS

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

- 1) The applicant proposes to replace the existing utility pole at the corner of Shamrock and West Fourth Streets with a new utility pole capped with a concealed poletop antenna. The existing pole is 23' 6" high, and the new pole and antenna will be 37' high. The antenna will include two 4" x 6" RF (radio frequency) information signs with a gray shroud. The pole will include an electric meter, a Crown Castle marketing sign, and the Crown Castle blue marketing sign at eye level. Both signs are 4" x 6" in size. The taller utility pole will not impact the topography, street patterns, dimensions of the rights-of-way, granite curbing, or the sidewalks. The proposed utility pole is not incongruous with the historic character of the West End, in which the streetscape includes above ground utilities and wires. The signage that will be installed on the pole is required by law. It is small in scale and will not block streetscape views. (*Public Rights-of-way, West End Standards 1 and 7; Signage, West End Standard 16*)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding findings, staff recommends that the Commission approve COA2022-019 in the right-of-way located at Shamrock and West Fourth Streets, within the West End Historic Overlay District, 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.