On April 6, 2022, 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. Rusty Carringer, Crown Castle, applicant, 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 replace the existing utility pole at the corner of Shamrock and West Fourth Streets with a new utility pole capped with a concealed pole-top 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)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby approves 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 and photo documentation of the completed project to HRC staff within ten (10) days of its completion.

This the seventh day of April, 2022.

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Mary Catherine Berry, Chair
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission