

NORTH CAROLINA)
) FORSYTH COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION
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 ORDER) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
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) CASE NUMBER COA2022-020

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. 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 replace the modern wooden columns with new composite columns. The existing wooden replacement columns use modern carpentry techniques and have very little paint build up, evidence of post-1980 installation. They have already begun to rot and decay at the bases where they absorb water from the porch floor. This is an inherent flaw in the design of the porch, which situates the column bases close to the edge of the porch in an exposed area. The pine replacement columns available today are not the same quality as historic wood, which has a much tighter grain and is more rot resistant. The applicant has demonstrated that it is not feasible to replace the columns in-kind because of inherent flaws in the original materials or design and the unavailability of historic materials. Composite is an appropriate substitute material that will convey the same appearance as wooden columns. The composite columns will be turned, which is the style of column documented in the narrative description for the James S. Easley House. The applicant will reinstall the historic wooden brackets after replacing the columns. (*Entrances, Porches, Enclosures, and Balconies*, West End Standards 1, 2, 4, and 5; *Glossary*, West End Standards: Feasibility)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby approves COA2022-020 at the James S. Easley House located at 1001 West Fifth Street (PIN 6825-86-1766), 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

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- 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