

**Minor Work Approval and Other Requests Report
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission
June 1, 2022**

The following Minor Work applications have been reviewed and approved by Commission staff from April 14, 2022, to May 11, 2022.

1. **COA2022-028**
Former Wachovia Bank and Trust Company Building
8 West Third Street, Winston-Salem
Local Historic Landmark #117
Request: Replacement of replacement windows and entrances

Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks: Standard 6 of the Windows and Doors section

The applicant proposes to remove the modern fixed one-over-one aluminum replacement windows at floors 2-8 on the north and east elevations and replace them with compatible aluminum clad wood true double-hung one-over-one windows. Also proposed is the removal of the four-light aluminum wire glass windows and replacing them with compatible four-light clear glazed windows to match the existing in configuration and profile. The metal louvers on the east elevation will be removed and replaced with a fixed storefront that matches the existing storefronts and will have operable windows. All the windows will be replaced to match or with a new design that is compatible with the historic building.

The applicant proposes to remove the modern entrances at the north and east elevations and replace them with compatible entrances made of aluminum-framed, double-leaf glass doors with transoms and sidelights in a factory finish color to match the existing configurations. The entrance within the stair tower will be removed and replaced with a new metal single-leaf flush door. All of the entrances will be replaced to match or with a new design that is compatible with the historic building.

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. **COA2022-033**
Penry-Austin House
825 West Sixth Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #204
Contributing
Request: Installation of a fence

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standards 2-4 of Fences section

The applicant proposes to install a 6' high articulated, wooden fence in the rear and side yards, replacing a chain link fence that partially encloses the rear yard. The fence panels comprise a combination of solid lower section of vertical boards with lattice above. The fence will follow the east, west, and north property lines in the rear yard. In the eastern side yard, the fence will extend along the property line and then cross the yard to connect with the rear corner of the main block of the house. In the western side yard, the fence will extend along the property line and then cross to the house at the head of the driveway. A gate matching the fence will be installed at the driveway. The fence minimizes its impact on the special character of the property and West End. The design, height, transparency, and site topography minimize the impact on public view to the house from the right-of-way. Wood is an appropriate material for fences in areas of high visibility. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.

3. **COA2022-034**
William S. Shepherd House
903 West End Boulevard, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District #387
Contributing
Request: Replacement of a retaining wall and fence

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standards 5, 6, and 9 of the Retaining and Landscaping Walls section and Standards 2, 4, and 5 of the Fences section

The applicant proposes to replace a collapsing masonry retaining wall and a picket fence, both located in an area of low visibility. The applicant will construct a 1-3' high, brick retaining wall along the rear property line. It will extend 40' from the back of the sidewalk to shore up an existing downslope and vary in height to follow the topography of the site. It will not impact any historic site features. The 6' high wooden fence will be articulated with panels set between square posts; it will extend 100' along the rear property line, sitting atop the retaining wall for its length. At the side yard the fence will sit approximately 4' back from the sidewalk. Where the driveway enters the property, an 11' wide gate that slides to the side will be installed. A 32" wide pedestrian gate will be located to the side of the sliding gate. Another 12' long section of fence will connect to the existing picket fence, which is in an area of high visibility. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.

4. **COA2022-035**
1809 Virginia Road, Winston-Salem
Joseph Franklin Bland House
Local Historic Landmark #91
Request: Interior modification to the basement for waterproofing

Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks: Standards 1-4 of the Interiors section

Staff Comments: The applicant proposes to install, in one room of the basement and the bottom of the spiral staircase, a waterproofing system that will protect the house from leakage through the foundation and walls. The waterproof barrier will be installed approximately halfway up the basement wall and on the bottom wall of the stair well. It will cover but not be permanently attached to the wall. The applicant would like to install a wood wainscoting that is similar to other wainscoting in the house to cover the waterproof system. This system and wainscoting is located in less significant areas of the house and will help to retain and preserve the house from future water damage.

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.

5. **COA2022-036**
498 Salt Street, Winston-Salem
Denke House
Local Historic Landmark #57
Old Salem Historic District
Request: Removal of a dead table mountain pine tree

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: Landmark Standard 6 of the Site Features and Plantings section, District Standard 4 of the Significant Landscape features section

Staff Comments: The applicant proposes to remove a dead table Mountain pine tree. The tree was killed by pine bark beetles. On April 22, 2022, the City's Urban Forester reviewed the tree and made the following comments:

Per your request I made a site visit to 498 Salt Street in historic Old Salem to assess the condition of a 17.5" dbh table mountain pine (*Pinus pungens*). Upon arrival, it was obvious the tree was dead. Closer inspection revealed that it had succumbed to the activity of Pine beetles. The tree has an appreciable lean in the direction of structures on the property and has the potential to cause significant damage in the event of failure. I would strongly recommend this tree be given priority for removal.

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. COA2022-037
Right-of-way
1184 West Fourth Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District
Contributing
Request: Installation of a utility pole and antenna

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standards 1 and 7 of the *Public Rights-of-way* section and Standard 16 of the *Signage* section

The applicant proposes to replace the existing utility pole in the right-of-way at 1184 West Fourth Street with a new utility pole capped with a concealed poletop antenna. The existing pole is 32' 4" 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. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.

7. COA2022-038
Piedmont Avenue right-of-way
1221 West Fourth Street, Winston-Salem
West End Historic Overlay District
Contributing
Request: Installation of a utility pole and antenna

West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standards 1 and 7 of the *Public Rights-of-way* section and Standard 16 of the *Signage* section

The applicant proposes to install a new utility pole capped with a concealed poletop antenna in the Piedmont Avenue right-of-way adjacent to 1221 West Fourth Street. Nearby existing poles cannot be improved with antenna because they carry high-voltage power lines at their tops. 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 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. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the West End and is in keeping with the character of the West End.