01.16) Application for Certificate of Appropriateness
City of Winston-Salem
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Project Overview

Project Title: Fencing in the Horticulture Work Yard
Application Type: 01.16) Application for Certificate of Appropriateness
Workflow: 01.16) Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

Jurisdiction: City of Winston-Salem
State: NC
County: Forsyth

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Address of Subject Property:
- 225 WEST STREET, WINSTON SALEM NC 27101
  (Unverified)
- 225 WEST ST (6835-22-6894.000)

Local Historic Landmark?: No
Landmark Number (if applicable. Type "$N/A: if not$):
Are you amending a previously submitted COA?: No
Is this an "After the Fact" COA application?: No

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Landmark Name (if applicable. Type "$N/A: if not$): NA
Local Historic District: Old Salem
Prior COA case # (if applicable):

Project Description

COA Project Intent and Background Statement (click "help" for description):
As we at Old Salem are relocating our back-shop operations out of the historic Coca-Cola bottling plant and into the historic district, we are in need of establishing a new dedicated horticultural workspace and building. As a first step, we are proposing to fence in the lot surrounding the old visitor center bathrooms at 225 West Street for this purpose (see figure 1). This lot is currently partially fenced with the Single Brothers Garden fence on the north side, a double post and rail fence on the west side, and a partial vertical fence on the NE corner.

Our eventual plan is to ultimately rework this stucco over cinderblock bathroom building to conform to a historical design appropriate to the architectural precedent of Salem (figure 11) that our horticultural department can use to store their tools, propagate seeds, use as a break room, and park their work carts. The fence would create a visual barrier to obscure the work carts and the exterior HVAC components that are currently visible. The image of the 1840s watercolor of Salem (Figure 9) clearly depicts all the adjacent back lots behind the between Main Street and Old Salem Road as being fenced in with the same vertical board fence that we are proposing to continue around this horticultural lot.

COA Scope of Work (click the "help" button for description):
We would remove the post and rail fence that currently runs along the west side of this lot and replace it with the same vertical board fence as the Single Brothers Garden. The new fence would be the same height and design as the existing adjoining fence with the pine boards being 82.5 tall, 6x6x6 oak posts at 8 intervals, and horizontal 2x4 pine/oak rails at 14.42, and 70 from the ground. The vertical pine boards would be of random widths no less than 6 and have a saw tooth decoration cut into the top. This fence would continue around the corner along south edge of this lot (West Street) on the inside of the existing sidewalk. (figure 3)

We would place a gate where there is an easement in the curb just to the SW of the building (figure 2). This would be a 9-foot double gate built with the same type of mortise and tenon framed construction as the gates we recently built for the Boys School except they would be straight across the top at the same height as the adjacent fences. (figure 8) We would also re-install all the fences between this work yard and the SBH garden where there previously was one, this gate would be a simple board and joined frame construction built to the same height as the fence, but we propose widening this opening from 4 to 5. (figure 6)

We also propose to extend the fence in line with the east side of this building continuing to the leg of fence running perpendicular to
the garden fence to complete the visual screen around the horticultural work yard. This stretch of the fence currently has vertical boards which are squared at the top and we would continue this style along this short stretch. (figure 5)

COA Compliance with Design Review Standards and/or Guidelines (Copies of the Design Review standards for each district can be found online here: https://www.cityofws.org/1397/Publications)

As illustrated in figure 9 the new fence would conform to the adjacent back lots that were enclosed with vertical board fences during Old Salem's historic period of interpretation.

The lumber used for the construction of this fence and gates would be sawn on a band sawmill which leaves tool marks consistent with a historic water powered sash sawmill. The lumber will be white oak and yellow pine which is consistent with the materials used for fences in Salem historically. The lumber will be traditionally joined (mortise and tenon) or fastened with reproduction nails manufactured by Tremont Nail Company. The tops of the boards will be cut with a saw tooth pattern (figure 7) or square to match the current fences that they will be adjoining. The height, dimensions of lumber and proportions of the new fence and gates will be the same as the existing adjoining fences.

The gates will be vertical boards nailed to a mortise and tenon frame built in the same construction style as the Boys School gates but squared off at the top at the same height as the fence. The gate hinges, pintles, and locking hasps will be hand forged by Blake Stevenson (T. Vogler gun shop) in a traditional Moravian style.

The posts and rails would be kept to the inside of the fence so the view from the outside of this lot would be of the solid board faade.

This lot was built up with several late 19th/early 20th century buildings that were eventually demolished so the post holes dug to accommodate the 6x6s would not disturb archaeological materials. (figure 10)

This new fence would also screen the HVAC compressor from public view. (figure 4)

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Owner Address:
Owner Phone Number (if not the applicant): Owner Email Address:

COA Consent Statement

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We, the applicant and owner (if not the applicant), do hereby make an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the following project to be undertaken within the boundaries of a Historic District, Historic Overlay District, or Local Historic Landmark.

We understand that all required information must be submitted for this application to be considered complete, assigned a case number, and either (a) processed by staff as a minor work project, or (b) placed on the agenda of the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission. By applying for a COA and signing below, we give permission to staff of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning & Development Services to enter upon the property to (1) post signage at the property regarding a pending COA application and (2) inspect the property for any reason related to this application and/or an issued COA. We understand that an interior inspection may be necessary for proposed changes to the interior of a Local Historic Landmark.
(Fig. 1) This is the lot we are proposing to fence in.
(Fig. 2) The red line indicates where the new vertical board fence will be installed, and lines indicate where gates will be installed.

(Fig. 3) This is the proposed fence and gate location looking north from West Street.
(Fig. 4) Looking west towards Old Salem Rd with West Street to the south. This fence would also hide the condenser that serves this building.
(Fig. 5) The red lines indicate a solid vertical board fence that would continue to the NE corner of the building.

This view is looking west towards Old Salem Road.
(Fig. 6) The red line indicates the new location of the left post to accommodate a five-foot-wide gate. The current gate is four feet wide. (This view is looking south from inside the Single Brothers' Garden).
(Fig. 7) This is the current height and detail of the Single Brothers Garden which we will continue around the west and south perimeter of the new fence.
(Fig. 8) The new gates would be built with the same construction techniques as the ones at the Boys’ School but would continue straight across the top at the same height as the adjoining fence rather than have this decorative tcp.
(Fig. 10)

This photograph of the lot at 225 West Street shows that it was previously built-up houses that were eventually demolished. Any installation of additional fencing would not compromise undisturbed archaeological potential.
(Fig. 9) This 1840’s watercolor of Salem shows a clear depiction of the vertical board fences delineating each lot to the north of the proposed fence.
(Fig. 11) Example of fenced lot with outbuilding and lean-to shed.
The new fence will be constructed of pine boards 82.5” tall, with 6"x6"x6" oak posts at 8’ intervals and horizontal 2’x4’ pine/oak rails at 14”,42”, and 70” from the ground. The vertical pine boards would be a random width no less than 6” and have a saw tooth decoration cut into the top.

Hello Michelle,

I’m sorry for that omission. Please see the corrections above.

Thank you for your attention!

Ben

In your COA you did not tell me feet or inches and I want to make sure I got it right. Is the statement below correct?

The applicant proposes to remove the post and rail fence that currently runs along the west side of the lot and replace it with the same vertical board fence as the Single Brothers Garden. The new fence will be constructed of pine boards 82.5” tall, with 6”x6”x6” oak posts at 8’ intervals and horizontal 2”x4” pine/oak rails at 14.42” and 70” from the round. The vertical pine boards would be a random width no less than 6” and have a saw tooth decoration cut into the top. The fence would continue around the corner along the south edge of the lot, along West Street, on the inside of the existing sidewalk.