Case #: COA2023-009
Staff: Heather M. Bratland
Applicant: Karie Chrisler, Ward Construction

LOCATION
District: West End Historic Overlay District
Street: 533 Summit Street, Winston-Salem
Building: John E. Coleman House #110
Status: Contributing
Local Historic Landmark#: n/a

REQUEST(S)
- Installation of a rear yard fence

APPLICABLE DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS
West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards available at: https://www.cityofws.org/DocumentCenter/View/4089

STAFF COMMENTS
The West End Historic Overlay District Report notes that "the Coleman House is a monumental Colonial Revival dwelling which is one of the most sophisticated houses of its period remaining in Winston-Salem."

STAFF FINDING
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 install a brick and metal fence in the rear yard. Approximately 120’ of fencing will stretch along the northern property line from the driveway to the northeast corner of the lot; 100’ of fencing will run along the eastern, or rear, property line to the southeastern corner of the lot. An approximately 7’ long section of fence will extend from the southern side of the house to the southern property line in the side yard. The proposed fence will be constructed with seven 5’ tall, square brick piers on the northern property line, and two matching piers at the 7’ section of fence connecting the house to the southern property line. The piers will support 4’ high sections of aluminum fencing with vertical pickets. The brick proposed to be used to clad the piers was previously site paving. The fence along the rear property line will be 4’ high aluminum fencing with vertical pickets; there will be no piers on the rear property line. The design of the fence is compatible with the monumental character of the Coleman House and its prominent location in the West End on Summit Street. Aluminum fencing is appropriate for use in high-visibility areas and adjacent to the street, as are brick landscaping walls. The fence will not impede the view to the Coleman House from the right-of-way. (Fences, West End Standards 2-4; Retaining and Other Landscaping Walls, Standard 4, 5, and 7)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Based on the preceding finding, staff recommends that the Commission approve COA2023-009 at 533 Summit Street (PIN 6825-87-6582) within the West End Historic Overlay District, with the following conditions:
1) No commercial, contractor, or manufacturer signs shall be posted on the fence;

2) The applicant shall receive, prior to commencement of the work, all other required permits or permissions from governmental agencies;

3) 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

4) 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.