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

Project Title: Iron Railing, Front Steps, Reich Shop, Old Salem
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: 817 S Church ST (6835-32-4144.000)
Local Historic Landmark?: Yes
Landmark Number (if applicable. Type "N/A: if not): 27
Are you amending a previously submitted COA?: No
Is this an "After the Fact" COA application?: No

PIN(s) of subject property: 817 S Church ST (6835-32-4144.000)
Landmark Name (If applicable. Type "N/A: if not): Reich Shop #27
Local Historic District: Old Salem
Prior COA case # (if applicable):

Project Description

COA Project Intent and Background Statement (click "help" for description):
While maintaining historic & architectural integrity, we hope to add simple iron railings to our front steps, due to our advancing age and increased disabilities. Front railings to be designed & installed by the same craftsman who did an iron railing for our rear steps, and other iron railings in Old Salem.

COA Scope of Work (click the "help" button for description):
Install simple iron railings on front steps.

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):
Our proposed iron railings meet the Old Salem Design Review Standards and current practices.

Project Contacts

Applicant Full Name: Louis Blacato Jr
Applicant Address: 817 S Church ST, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Applicant Email Address:

Owner Full Name (If not the applicant):
Owner Phone Number (If not the applicant):
Owner Address:
Owner Email Address:
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.
-----Original Message-----
From: Lou Blancato <loublancato@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Michelle McCullough <michellem@cityofws.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yes! Frank's measurement of 34"high is precise

CAUTION:***EXTERNAL SENDER *** STOP. EVALUATE. VERIFY. Were you expecting this email? Does the content make sense? Can you verify the sender? If the email is suspicious: Do not click links or open attachments. Click the Report Message button in Outlook to notify Information Systems.

My 48" length measurement may be +/- a few inches, we tried it a few times, kept getting 48" length.
Thanks again, please let me know if you need

> On Feb 8, 2023, at 10:15 AM, Michelle McCullough <michellem@cityofws.org> wrote:
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> So the height is 34" and the length will be 48", correct?
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> Michelle M. McCullough
> Historic Resources Officer
> Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning
> & Development Services
> 100 East First Street
From: Lou Blancato <loublancatc@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 8:57 AM
To: Michelle McCullough <michellem@cityofws.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Height is 34"

Length is from the edge of building to the end of the steps. I can’t measure that myself because my back locked up again and I can’t move, for now. Ellen had a friend take her grocery shopping because I can’t drive. When she gets back, she can measure length if you need it. She should be back around noon. Hope the height’s enough for now, will you need length too?
Thanks!

On Feb 8, 2023, at 8:37 AM, Michelle McCullough <michellem@cityofws.org> wrote:

No, I am good with asking for two.

Once you get me the cimensions, I will get in all loaded in the IDT Plans Portal.

Thank you!
From: Lou Blancato <loublancato@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:25 PM
To: Michelle McCullough <michellem@cityofws.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Best I can say is front railing height would be proportional to rear railing height, I’ll call Frank Naples in the morning, I’m sure it’s in his notes
And yes, we plan to use the same design, materials, pattern, spacing, configuration, and color as the rear one, with fresher paint of course... Frank Naples is the guy who fabricated and installed the rear railing. He took a series of measurements to ensure proportionality for the front. I’ll call him in the morning & let you know if he can quote the height of the proposed front railing. Thanks for your guidance!

On Feb 7, 2023, at 3:58 PM, Michelle McCullough <michellem@cityofws.org> wrote:
I received all your photos. Do you have the information on the dimensions of the railing, how tall?
Just to confirm, you plan to use the same design, material, pattern, spacing, configuration, and color as the one in the rear of the house?
Thank you!

From: Lou Blancato <loublancato@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:55 PM
To: Michelle McCullough <michellem@cityofws.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] More Supporting Documentation for LHL 27 COA application

Because there’s no granite step to anchor the bottom, it will be lag bolted to the risers.
<image002.jpg>

If you need anything else, please let me know & thanks for alerting us!