

**CITY OF ALLENTOWN
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
FINAL REVIEW SHEET
February 5, 2018**

Case # HDC-2018-00003 Proposal to maintain the front door hardware and trim on façade.

Property located at: 204 N. 8th St.

Agenda # 5

Historic District: Old Allentown

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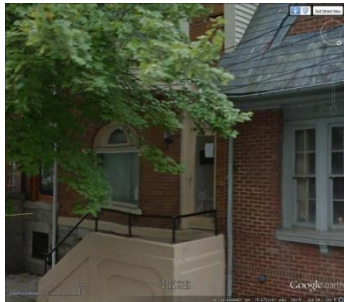
Property Owner: MK Barreto Real Estate Holding, LLC

Owners Address: 322 Grandview Blvd.,
Bethlehem PA 18018

Applicant: same

Applicant's Address: same

Building description, period, style, defining features: This structure is a 3-story, brick, mixed-use attached house with low sloping roof, aluminum-capped cornice, 1/1 windows at the third floor, bay window at the second floor with 1/1 windows, and first floor entry with full-lite door and transom above and large window with partially infilled, segmental arched transom to the left of entry. A large, concrete stoop with metal pipe railings leads to the entry. The building retains historic integrity, dates from the mid 19th century, and has Italianate influences.



Proposed alterations: Maintain the front door hardware

Staff Approvals: n/a

Background: n/a

Violations: n/a

Guideline Citation: SIS 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment. **Allentown Guidelines for Historic Districts: Allentown**

Guidelines for Historic Districts: 5. Guidelines for Existing Buildings and Structures, 1. Repairs, Replacement and Alternative Materials, 6. Doors.

Evaluation, effect on historic district, recommendations: The entry door lock set is not historically appropriate; it replaced a metal door knob. Historically, the hardware would have had a separate deadbolt lock above a knob. The need for ADA compliant hardware is understandable since this is now a multi-unit property; however keyless systems are not required or necessary and are not appropriate in style for the historic district. Ideally, the lockset should be a deadbolt above a lever, either with a single back plate, or separate. If a keyless deadbolt is a necessity, then a historically appropriate design should be utilized as described in above submission.

Discussion: The discussion on the keyless entry hardware for 329 N 9th St also covered the same hardware at 204 N. 8th St. The existing hardware will be replaced with new similar hardware in dark bronze color.

Motion: The HARB upon motion by Mr. Brobst and seconded by Mr. Berner adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work described herein:

1. The proposal to maintain the front door hardware and trim on facade at 204 N 8th Street was presented by Kenneth Barreto.
2. The lock will be replaced with a dark bronze color keyless entry lock matching 329 N. 9th St. The new lock must have staff approval.

The proposal to recommend a COA was unanimously approved. (7-0; motion carried; Berner, Brobst, Huber, Jackson, Renaut, Roberts, Sell)