

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. RESOLUTION R99 - 2024

Introduced by the Administration on June 5, 2024

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 222 N West Street

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS a Certificate of Appropriateness is required under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania No.167, June 13, 1961 (P.L.282) known as the Pennsylvania Historic District Act; and City of Allentown has adopted a Historic District Ordinance, Article 1391, under the provisions allowed in the Pennsylvania Historic District Act; and

WHEREAS the owner, Jose Alfonso Capellan Vicente, applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing wooden door with a fiberglass surface door, as described in the attached final report; and

WHEREAS the HARB held a meeting on said matter on May 6, 2023, where the applicant was not in attendance for representation; and

WHEREAS based on the statements and evidence presented, the HARB made the following findings of fact, as detailed in the attached case report:

- 1. The applicant applied for the review and is not related to a violation.
- 2. The application was tabled at the April 1st HARB meeting; applicant was not present.
- 3. Applicant was not present during the May 6th HARB meeting.
- 4. No evidence was presented that the existing door could not be repaired.
- 5. The replacement door proposed does not meet the Design Guidelines.

WHEREAS, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB agreed on the motion not to recommend approval for the replacement of the front door as proposed, and recommended to City Council denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness as detailed in the attached case report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Allentown that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby denied for the above referenced exterior alteration.