

## CITY OF ALLENTOWN HARB PRELIMINARY REVIEW SHEET

Property located at: 217 N Fulton Street

**Agenda #1**

**Historic District:** West Park

**Case #HDC-2017-00013**

**Meeting date:** December 4, 2017

**Property Owner:** Carmelo P Timeo Diaz

**Address:** 217 N Fulton St, Allentown, PA 18101

**Applicant:** same

**Applicant's Address:** same

**Building description, period, style, defining features:** This structure is a 3-story, brick row home with Mansard roof, large gable dormer with paired 1/1 windows, a second floor bay window, and paired, 1/1 windows with infilled transom with rounded corners on the first floor. The full-width, wood-framed front porch has lost its original porch posts and railings, and all wood trim and features have been covered with aluminum. The house dates from the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century and is Queen Anne in style.



**Proposed alterations:** It is proposed to replace the front porch deck with composite boards and trim.

**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: 5. Guidelines for Existing Buildings and Structures, 1. Repairs, Replacement and Alternative Materials, 7. Porches and Stoops**

**Evaluation, effect on historic district, recommendations:** The proposed work appears to have been already performed. Composite wood decking is generally not appropriate in the historic district on a front façade. True, narrow, tongue and groove wood decking is recommended in the Design Guidelines. The front fascia trim piece is more visible than the horizontal deck surface. A compromise that might be offered is to permit the horizontal deck boards to remain if the fascia board is removed and a 1" nosing piece added to approximate the appearance of the original porch deck overhang. The house to the left shows a more original condition and how the fascia should sit below the decking with the decking overhanging by approximately 1" to 1 1/2".