

**CITY OF ALLENTOWN
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
FINAL REVIEW SHEET
MAY 2, 2016**

Case #HDC-2016-00004 Proposal to maintain the secure, wood full light door installed on side of building.

Property located at: 347 N 8th Street

Historic District: Old Allentown

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Meeting date: May 2, 2016, tabled at April 4, 2016 meeting due to owner being absent.

Property Owner: 347 North 8th Street LLC

Address: P.O. Box 167, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Applicant: Alex Wright

Applicant's Address: same

Building description, period, style, defining features: This structure is a 3 story, 3 bay, semi-detached brick commercial and residential building with a flat roof, projecting bracketed cornice, molded window lintels, and a first floor storefront. The building has a long façade along Gordon street and entrances to apartments. The building dates from the late 19th century and is Italianate in style.



Proposed alterations: It is proposed to maintain the secure, wood full light door installed on side of building. This door replaced a pressed metal non-original door.

Staff Approvals: n/a

Background: *Per HARB Case No. 2011-45*, a Certificate of Appropriateness was withdrawn on 6/22/11.

Per HARB Case 2011-40, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued for the installation sign to be installed on existing corner mounted wall bracket.

Per HARB Case 2009-42, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued for the installation of a corner mounted wall bracket and sign to the existing building as shown in the drawing attached to the encroachment permit.

Per HARB Case 2005-22, an Certificate of Appropriateness was issued for the restoration of the store front and façade of the building per the architectural drawings submitted, to include a wood and glass commercial storefront with transoms above and wood panels below, a ¾-glass paneled wood door, a flat fascia with projecting cornice that could accommodate applied or painted sign lettering, and installation of a wrought iron handrail on the handicapped ramp. *Per HARB Case 2005-18*, the application was withdrawn.

Per HARB Case 2001-1, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued for installation of a concrete handicap ramp at the front elevation with metal pipe railing to be painted a dark color. *Per HARB Case 1998-14*, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued for installation of signs to include

specifically: 1) the application of professionally made lettering to storefront windows of the northern and western elevations; 2) installation of neon lighting around the perimeter of the storefront windows of the northern and western elevations subject to removal of painted signs found on lower panels of the northern and western elevations of the storefront and removal of temporary paper product advertising signs from the interior of windows of the storefront.

Per HARB Case 1997-37, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued to add supplement to existing metal fire escape to include egress for 2nd floor front apartment to be painted to match the brick wall.

Per HARB Case 1993-43, a Certificate of Appropriateness was denied for placement of metal gates over facade and side door.

Per HARB Case 1993-18, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued to paint white border area around Danny's Market sign to hide lettering.

Per HARB Case 1990-50, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued to reopen original basement entrance along the Gordon Street facade, with entrance covered by flat Bilco-style basement entry doors.

Per HARB Case 1987-38, an application was made to place a Pepsi machine in front of store, the case was withdrawn.

Per HARB Case 1986-15, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued for a flat overhead garage door.

Per HARB Case 1986-11, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued to 1) replace shingles with double 4" smooth aluminum or vinyl siding, 2) close up rear garage windows with brick to match existing, 3) install louvered shutters on second and third floor front facade, 4) install railroad tie planter on Gordon Street façade.

Per HARB Case 1981-15, a Certificate of Appropriateness was issued for replacement of damaged glazed wooden double doors with contemporary glazed entrance.

Violations: June 30, 2011 – installed aluminum to the NE corner of the wood façade at N 8th and Gordon Sts – ABATED on July 9, 2011.

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. **SIS 6.** Deteriorated features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. **Allentown**

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

Evaluation, effect on historic district, recommendations: The new full light wood door is historically appropriate and more historically appropriate than the previous existing 6 panel door. The HARB process should be followed in the future for any alterations to the building.

Discussion: The applicant said he now understood the HARB process and would be sure to follow before doing work. Mr. Fillman disclosed his previous contact with the applicant, and clarified what he had said and not said to the applicant. The need to have the side as well as the front and any other part of the building visible from a public right-of-way reviewed was repeated. Mr. Fillman and the other members of the HARB agreed that the new door installed was historically appropriate and better than the previously existing door.

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

1. The proposal to maintain the secure, metal full light door installed on side of building at 347 N. 8th Street was presented by Alex Wright.
2. The proposed work was approved as submitted and installed.
3. Work on all visible sides of the building needs to be reviewed prior to work being completed in the future.
4. The proposal to recommend a COA was unanimously approved. (5-0; motion carried; *Berner, Fillman, Huber, Jackson, Sell*)