



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. R 88

RESOLUTION

R - 2018

Introduced by the Administration on July 18, 2018

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 245 N. 9th 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, Chew Investor LLC applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install 3 security cameras: one on the front façade to the right of the southernmost door and one on either end of the side façade as indicated on the attached Case Report; and

WHEREAS, the HARB held a meeting on said matter on June 4, 2018 and June 25, 2018, which did not include representatives of the property owner; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented, the HARB made the following findings of fact, as detailed in the attached Case Report:

Discussion of this project was difficult without the attendance of the applicant for the second month and without sufficient information to understand what was proposed for the security camera installation. One of the images in the application showed security cameras camouflaged with an eagle and mounted between shutters. It was determined that this was not on the applicant's building. The consensus of the HARB was this was not an appropriate installation. One of the HARB members said some cameras had been installed on buildings at the rear of the property already. They had exposed conduit above windows. The HARB agreed that wiring with exposed conduit did not meet the Design Guidelines and was not appropriate. It was concluded that the project would need to be denied because of insufficient information about the type, appearance, and locations of the cameras and the lack of information on how they would be wired and mounted.

WHEREAS on June 25, 2018, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB 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 alteration.