



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 120

RESOLUTION

R - 2019

Introduced by the Administration on December 17, 2019

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 809 W Gordon 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, Kim L. Hood applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install solar panels on the east facing side of the roof as described on the attached Case Report; and

WHEREAS, the HARB held a meeting on said matter on December 2, 2019, in the absence of the applicant, and due to timing constraints made a recommendation regarding the application; and

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

1. The east side roof surface is highly visible from 8th St, and the 300-400 block are the most historic blocks in the district.
2. The HARB determined the installation did not meet the Historic Design Guidelines due to its visibility and, therefore, was not historically appropriate.

WHEREAS on December 2, 2019, 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.