

**HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
CITY OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
December 9, 2019
FINAL REVIEW**

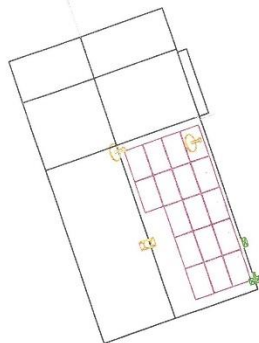
Case # * Proposal to install solar panels

***This project does not have a Case # because the application was emailed to David Kimmerly on time but the applicant used the incorrect email so it was not received nor was the fee paid. The project was not evaluated prior to the meeting and no preliminary review was written.**

Property located at: 809 W Gordon Street
Historic District: Old Allentown
Case #
Meeting date: December 2, 2019
Property Owner: Kim Hood
Address: 809 W Gordon St, Allentown PA 18102

Applicant: Sunrun Installation Services, Inc.

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PROJECT NUMBER:
241R-809HOOD

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Discussion: The applicant explained the proposal to install solar panels on the east-facing roof slope of the attached home. The solar installation would include 17 panels. Each panel would be 3' x 4" in size, match the slope of the roof, and be approximately 4" above the roof surface. The panels are 3" thick and start approximately 10"-18" from the bottom edge of the roof. The discussion focused on the visibility from 8th St. and the corner park. Although the proposed solar panels are not on the primary façade, they would be highly visible from 8th St. Ms. Olsen stated great concern for the installation since it would be visible from the most historic section of 8th St. and the restored buildings of the 300 and 400 block. Mr. Fillman also agreed with this concern. There was a brief discussion if there was any option for shielding the view of the roof with landscape, but there are no places to place trees that would shield views. It was concluded that the installation did not meet the Historic District Guidelines due to its visibility from this prominent street.

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

1. The proposal to install solar panels at 809 W Gordon Street was represented by Joan Woods from SunRun.
2. The east side roof surface is highly visible from 8th St, and the 300-400 block are the most historic blocks in the district.
3. The HARB determined the installation did not meet the Historic Design Guidelines due to its visibility and, therefore, was not historically appropriate.

The proposal to DENY a COA was unanimously approved. (5-0; motion carried; Fillman, Huber, Olson, Roberts, Sell)