No.   78   *RESOLUTION*   R -   2020

Introduced by the Administration on June --, 2020

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 405 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 co-owners, James Villaume and Dale Fritchman applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the 3rd floor wood windows with vinyl to match the vinyl replacement windows previously installed on the 1st & 2nd floors of above-mentioned property, as described on the attached final report; and

WHEREAS, the HARB held a remote meeting via Microsoft Teams on said matter on June 1, 2020, where the applicants were in attendance via telephone /computing devices; and

WHEREAS, based on the statements and evidence presented, the HARB made the following findings of fact, as detailed in the attached case report:

1. The proposal to install vinyl windows on front facades is not permitted in Old Allentown under the Guidelines for Historic Districts.
2. Alternative aluminum clad and other approvable materials and possible window companies were suggested at that meeting.
3. The owner, however, stated that he will just fix and paint the windows.

WHEREAS, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB agreed on the motion that existing wood windows and sills should be fix and repainted, and the 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.