

**HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
CITY OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA  
July 6, 2020**

**FINAL REVIEW**

**Address:** 240 N 10th Street.

**Proposed alterations:** It is proposed to:

- Install louvered shutters – 3 windows upper level
- Install solid raised panel shutters – 2 ground level windows
- Replace 5 windows with (Harvey Majesty) aluminum clad wood windows
- Install historically appropriate light fixture (with dusk to dawn sensor)
- Add wrought iron coal bin ironwork (grating)
- Add wrought iron railing on front steps

Property Owner:	Latasha Daniels	Owner Address:	240 N 10th St, Allentown, PA 18102
Applicant:	Peter Lewnes	Applicant's Address:	CADCA 523-525 N 7th St, Allentown, PA 18102
Historic District:	Old Allentown	Case #	HDC-2020-00007
HARB Meeting date:	July 6, 2020 (Agenda Item #4)		

**Building description, period, style defining features:** This structure is a 3 bay, 2 ½ story attached red brick dwelling with gable roof, roof dormer, narrow 1 over 1 double-hung windows with Italianate eyebrow lintels, and heavy arched entry door surround with keystone detail. There are two simple 3-light basement windows. The house dates from c. 1880 and is Italianate in style.



**Staff Approvals:** N/A

**Violations:** N/A

**Background:**

**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 differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment Allentown Guidelines for Historic Districts: 5.1. Guidelines for Existing Buildings and Structures, 1. Repairs, Replacement and Alternative Materials, 5. Windows 7. Porches and Stoops 10. Streetscapes and Outdoor Features 12. Lighting

**Evaluation, effect on historic district, recommendations:** The proposed work is historically appropriate, but a discussion of the window replacement warranted to be sure the windows need to be replaced. The existing windows are wood with old storm windows. The preferred strategy is to repair existing historic windows, weather-strip, and paint. The existing storm windows would be replaced with new energy efficient storm windows with this strategy. If the HARB determines replacement acceptable, the new windows should fit the size of the existing openings without reducing the size of the opening at all. If the weights and weight pockets are removed, the new window could fit behind the exterior trim and match the size of the existing sashes and glass more closely.

The proposed light fixture should be submitted for staff approval.

**Discussion:** The applicant explained there had been a fire in the building and the windows were in deteriorated condition. The applicant agreed the windows would match the size of the existing windows. It was noticed that one of the basement windows still had a grate. The applicant said any existing historic window grates that exist would be retained.

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

1. The proposal for façade renovations at 240 N 10th Street was represented by Peter Lewnes.
2. Five historically correct shutters will be installed on the 1st and 2nd floors. Panel shutters will be installed on the 1st floor and louvered on the 2nd floor.
3. Existing front windows (5) will be replaced with (Harvey Majesty) aluminum clad wood windows to match the size of the window openings.
4. The new light fixture specification will be submitted to the City for staff approval
5. A new wrought iron window grate will be installed where missing, matching the remaining grate or the submitted image as closely as possible.
6. A new historically appropriate wrought-iron type railing will be added to the front steps

**HARB Action:** The proposal to issue a COA was unanimously approved. (6-0; motion carried: Brobst, Fillman, Huber, Sell, Olson, Roberts)