

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

FINAL REVIEW

Address: 236 N 10th Street

Property Owner:	Mingke Yang	Owner Address:	236 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-2020-00012
HARB Meeting date:	July 6, 2020 (Agenda Item #6)		

Proposed alterations: To add a liberty bell-style awning over the entry doorway to replace the aluminum overhang that was removed in 2019.

Building description, period, style defining features: This 2½-story Allentown brick row house, ca 1881 is a restored Federal style home. The roof is gabled and covered with slates arranged in a diamond pattern. It has a decorative dormer window, dentilated cornice that goes across the bay window, a single chimney and snow catchers. The first floor picture window has segmentally arched brick lintel and an oriel window on the 2nd floor with a single 1/1 sash window to the right with a flat wood lintel. The main entry is a single door with a storm door and concrete stoop. An aluminum awning over the door was removed in 2019. There is a concrete stoop, two basement window grilles visible and a grocer's alley door.



*236 N 10
left + right
projections
w Bell patches*



Staff Approvals:

Background: Aug 2018 STAFF APPROVAL - Remove existing non-historic, not permitted deck on the 2nd floor, rear, side of the house. Not visible from the public street or alley. Fill in existing door and re-side with siding to match the existing.

Violations: N/A

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:** 5.1.11 Guidelines for Existing Buildings and Structures, 1. Repairs, Replacement and Alternative Materials, 7. Porches and Stoops

Evaluation, effect on historic district, recommendations: Because of the alterations in the brick above the front entry covering the area with an "Allentown" roof would be historically appropriate and an excellent idea. It is recommended to match the shape and detailing of the neighboring property since the roofs will be so close.

Discussion: The discussion focused on the shape and details of the proposed new entry roof. All agreed the bell shape would be the most appropriate especially because of the proximity to the neighboring bell shape roof. It was also agreed that the bell shapes should match as closely as possible. Of the three options submitted, the support details of the #3 option were thought to be the most historically appropriate for this context.

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

1. The proposal to add a liberty bell-style awning over the entry doorway to replace the aluminum overhang at 236 N 10th Street was represented by Peter Lewnes.
2. The shape of the new entry awning will match the bell shape of the neighbors' roof.
3. The support structure will match the #3 option submitted and will be open to facilitate easier maintenance and painting.

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