



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 93

RESOLUTION

R - 2020

Introduced by the Administration on August 5, 2020

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 114 N. West 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, Ernesto Colon, applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a prefabricated gazebo in the rear yard of the property, as described on the attached final report; and

WHEREAS the HARB held a remote meeting via Microsoft Teams on said matter on July 6, 2020, where the applicant was in attendance via a computing device; 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 space between the gazebo and the neighbor's fence would be only 3' if the gazebo were placed against the fence at the sidewalk.
2. HARB members agreed that gazebo was too large for the yard. There would be only 3' between the gazebo and the house and the gazebo and the garage if it were centered in the yard.
3. There was also concern about water being directed to the neighboring yard, but the applicant said he would be installing a gutter.
4. HARB also pointed out that zoning review would be needed and that it might not meet zoning regulations.

WHEREAS, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB agreed on the motion not to allow the gazebo as proposed, 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.