



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 112

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by the Administration on September 16, 2020

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1444 W. Linden 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 on August 20, 2020 the owner of subject property, Luis C. Vega, submitted an amended application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) to repair the porch on said property; and

WHEREAS the HARB held a virtual meeting on August 31, 2020 to review – among other projects -- said porch repair project, and which meeting the applicant was informed of personally and by email along with the other COA applicants; and

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

- a. The amended proposal to repair the porch to the appearance of the porch at the neighboring property on 1442 W Linden St is not historically appropriate. That porch on 1442 W Linden St was modified inappropriately without HARB review or a COA.
- b. The porch alterations and inappropriate support system have been in place at subject property for approximately 3 ½ years and are causing deterioration to a neighboring property on 1446 W. Linden.
- c. The altered porch must be returned to the original historic appearance and materials or approved alternate materials. Unaltered porches are located on the same street block on W. Linden Street and can be used as a guide for the repair work.
- d. The owner-applicant did not attend the HARB meeting to represent the project.

WHEREAS, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB agreed on the motion not to allow the porch repair as proposed, and recommended to City Council the denial of a COA as detailed in the attached case report, and that the owner-applicant must return to HARB with detailed and scaled architectural drawings and specifications showing the proposed repair work.

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.