



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R181 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on October 18, 2023

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 932 W. Gordon 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, Shaadi Elias, applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to legalize the installation of vinyl siding, as described in the attached final report; and

WHEREAS the HARB held a meeting on said matter on October 2, 2023, where the owner and legal counsel were in attendance; 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. On August 18, 2023, HARB staff requested that work to install vinyl siding be stopped and that the owner apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness.
2. Work was about 93% complete when staff intervened.
3. The front and west facades are highly visible from the street.
4. The building was previously clad in asbestos siding.

WHEREAS, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB agreed on the motion not to legalize the installation of vinyl siding, and 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 exterior alteration.