

**Minor Work Approval and Other Requests Report  
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission**

**November 4, 2020**

The following Minor Work applications have been reviewed and approved by Commission staff from September 17, 2020 to October 14, 2020.

**1. COA2020-102**

**W.R. James House  
146 Piedmont Avenue, Winston-Salem  
West End Historic Overlay District #504  
Contributing**

Request: Installation of two handrails at the porch steps

*West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standard 4 of the Entrances, Porches, Enclosures, and Balconies section*

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to install two black metal handrails with simple cross volutes on each end. The pickets will be ½" square and the posts 1" square. The cap will be molded. The railings are modeled on those found at the property next door, and they are compatible with the special character of the building. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

**2. COA2020-104**

**Middleton House  
2770 Chatham Farm Road, Winston-Salem  
Local Historic Landmark #111**

Request: Interior alterations and revisions to COA2020-084

*Forsyth County Design Review Guidelines for Local Historic Landmarks: Guidelines 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 of the Building Interiors section and Guidelines 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the Additions section of the Landmark Guidelines.*

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to create a bedroom from a linen closet and sleeping porch area in the southwest corner of the second story; conversion of the bedroom on the northwest corner of the second story into a bathroom; reduce the size of the approved addition to the side and rear of the historic building; substitute an asphalt shingle roof for the proposed slate roof; and utilize Sierra Pacific Westchester windows instead of Marvin windows, there will be no change in the style, material, or design. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the Landmark and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark.

**3. COA2020-106**

**Right-of-way  
817 South Church Street, Winston-Salem  
Old Salem Historic District**

Request: Removal of dying Ash tree

*Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Guidelines: Guideline 4 of the Significant Landscape Features section.*

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to remove one dead ash tree. Historic Resources staff and the City's Urban Forester reviewed the tree on site. Below is the report from the Urban Forester:

*The following is in reference to a 19" dbh Ash tree residing in the ROW in front of 817 S. Church Street in Historic Old Salem. The tree has been infested by Emerald Ash Borer. Forty percent of the foliage has been lost due to their activity. They destroy the vascular system of the tree which ultimately results in tree mortality. There are several large dead limbs currently overhanging the street and sidewalk. The homeowners are unable to park beneath the tree for fear of possible*

*damage to their vehicle caused by the brittle dead limbs. As a matter of public safety I am requesting a COA for its removal.*

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

**4. COA2020-107**

**Right-of-way**

**Adjacent to 300 South Main Street and Cemetery Street, Winston-Salem**

**Old Salem Historic District**

**Noncontributing**

Request: Installation of fiber optic cables underground requiring handholes in the sidewalk

*Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Guidelines: Guidelines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 of the Public Rights-of-Way section.*

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to install fiber optic cable underground which will require three 24"x36"x36" handholes in the sidewalk. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

**5. COA2020-108**

**Conrad-Starbuck House**

**118 South Cherry Street, Winston-Salem**

**Local Historic Landmark #68**

Request: Signage installation

*Forsyth County Design Review Guidelines for Local Historic Landmarks: Guidelines 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Signage section.*

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to install one sign that lists the multiple tenants of the building between two existing brick piers in the northeast corner of the property. The sign will be constructed of steel with a Corten finish. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Guidelines* for the Landmark and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark.

**6. COA2020-110**

**W.R. James House**

**146 Piedmont Avenue, Winston-Salem**

**West End Historic Overlay District #504**

**Contributing**

Request: Replacement of rear porch railings and deck

*West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standard 4 of the Entrances, Porches, Enclosures, and Balconies section and Standard 1 of the Decks, Terraces, and Patios section*

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to replace the porch railing at the upper story porch on the rear façade with a railing that matches the square-picket railings on the front porch. The existing railing is significantly deteriorated and does not meet Code. The railing design is compatible with the special character of the building. The applicant also requests permission to remove the deteriorated deck in the rear yard and to construct a new deck. The proposed deck will be supported on wooden posts and extend left from the location of the current deck to the left side of the rear façade. A set of stairs will provide access to the rear yard on the right side of the deck. It will extend into the rear yard approximately the same distance as the existing deck. The decking will be wood, and the railings will have wooden top and bottom railings with metal pickets. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

7. **COA2020-112**  
**Spring Garden Apartments**  
**665 North Spring Street, Winston-Salem**  
**West End Historic Overlay District #49**  
**Noncontributing**  
Request: Painting the modern brick exterior

*West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards: Standard 3 of the Noncontributing Structures section*

Staff Comments: The applicant requests permission to paint the modern brick exterior of the building white. The painted brick exterior will be compatible with the style and character of the noncontributing building; painting the modern brick will not damage it. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.