TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS STAFF REPORT

Application Number: 18-122

Subject Property Location: 222 Vance Street

Applicant:Eric SteinFiling Date:12/12/2018Meeting Dates:1/8/2018

I. INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLICATION

Historic District: Cameron-McCauley

Zoning District: R-2

Nature of Project: Installation of solar panels on rear portion of roof.

II. PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACTS

The Historic District Design Guidelines for *Roofs*, on page 37, provide Guideline 9:

9. It is not appropriate to introduce new roof features, such as chimneys, solar collectors, skylights, ventilators, and communication or mechanical equipment on roof slopes that are visible from the street or in locations that compromise the architectural integrity of the building.

The Historic District Design Guidelines for *Utilities & Energy Retrofits*, on page 49, provide Guidelines 2 & 9:

- 2. Improve the energy efficiency of historic buildings through appropriate methods.
- 9. Minimize the visual impact of new mechanical and communication equipment and utilities by installing them in inconspicuous locations that are not visible from the street and by screening them from view. It is not appropriate to install condensers, skylights, ventilators, solar collectors, and communication or mechanical equipment on roof slopes that are visible from the street or in locations that compromise the architectural character of the historic building.