



Historic District Commission

New Business –Certificate of Appropriateness 201 E. Franklin Street – Unit A (Project #19-138)

Summary Report

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Applicant Tanya Jisa, Institute for Innovation	Filing Date 11/26/2019	Meeting Date(s) 12/10/2019	Historic District Franklin-Rosemary
Project Description The applicant proposes to install a new sign on the west elevation of the building, on the Henderson Street façade.			
Proposed Findings of Fact <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The applicant proposes to replace an existing bracket and sign with a new bracket and sign that will be approximately 18 ft. above the sidewalk. The bracket will measure 7' ½" from the building and support a 3 ft. by 3 ft. metal sign lit by internal solar energy.2. The applicant has committed to installing the bracket by screwing hardware through the mortar, rather than into the historic brick.			
Applicable Design Guidelines <i>Signs</i> (page 25): <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Introduce new signage with care so that the overall historic character of the building, site, and district is not compromised or diminished. Select and site new signs so their location, orientation, height, scale, design, and finish are compatible with the historic district and its human scale.6. Construct new signage out of traditional sign materials, such as wood, stone, or metal. It is not appropriate to introduce new signage in contemporary materials, such as plastic or internally lighted signs that are incompatible with the overall character of the historic district.			
Congruity Findings Based on the Findings of Facts and the relevant Design Guidelines referenced above, the HDC proposes congruity findings for the following Criteria as specified per LUMO Section 3.6.2(e): <u>Criterion C:</u> Proposed exterior construction materials, including texture and pattern, are <i>congruous/incongruous</i> with those found on the historic building and those found on historic sites within the historic district. <u>Criterion D:</u> The architectural detailing, such as lintels, cornices, brick bond, and foundation materials, of the fence are <i>congruous/incongruous</i> with those found on the historic building and those found on historic sites within the historic district. <u>Criterion H:</u> Appurtenant fixtures and other features such as lighting are <i>congruous/incongruous</i> with the historic house and historic sites in the district.			
Decision Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Historic District Commission <i>approves/denies</i> the Certificate of Appropriateness as referenced above on the basis that it <i>would/would not be incongruous</i> with the special character of the district.			