

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS UNDER THE  
PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
LEGISLATURE 1961, JUNE 13, P.L. 282 (53  
SECTION 8004) AND BETHLEHEM ORDINANCE NO.  
3952 AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to secure a COA to replace the current aluminum  
frame pole mounted exterior illuminated reader board in the front yard of the rectory with a  
custom designed reader board mounted on the right front wall of the church and a custom  
designed reader board mounted on the front of the rectory along with new exterior  
illumination at 312 East Fourth Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of  
Bethlehem that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby granted for the proposal.

Sponsored by: (s) \_\_\_\_\_

(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL THIS      DAY OF

(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

## **HISTORIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

CASE #800 -- It is proposed to secure a COA to replace the current aluminum frame pole mounted exterior illuminated reader board in the front yard of the rectory with a custom designed reader board mounted on the right front wall of the church and a custom designed reader board mounted on the front of the rectory along with new exterior illumination at 312 East Fourth Street.

OWNER / APPLICANT: Holy Infancy Church and Rectory / Andrew Gehringer, Pastor

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The Commission upon motion by Mr. Simonson and seconded by Mr. Hudak adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work as presented, with modifications described herein:

1. The proposal to replace the current aluminum frame pole mounted exterior illuminated reader board in the front yard of the rectory with a custom designed reader board mounted on the right front wall of the church and a custom designed reader board mounted on the front of the rectory along with new exterior illumination was presented by Andrew Gehringer and Joseph B. McCarthy.
2. New signage for the front wall of the church includes the following details:
  - a. sign to be fabricated from 1.5-inch thick High-Density Urethane (HDU) rigid board in beige color with v-carved graphics in black color and v-carved off-set border surround in gold leaf; lower half of sign also includes inlaid Aluminum Composite Material (ACM) panel in black color
  - b. sign measures 78-inches tall x 36-inches wide, with underside of sign at 100-inches above public right-of-way; pointed arch design of signage recalls Gothic arches of portals and windows of church structure
  - c. upper portion of sign includes cross graphic followed by text line "HOLY" followed by text line "INFANCY" in large, serif, all upper-case lettering followed by text line "ROMAN CATHOLIC" and thereafter by text line "CHURCH" in smaller, serif, all upper-case lettering; lower half of sign includes panel insert with various text (contact information, operational hours, etc.) in small, sanserif lettering in white color
  - d. sign to be installed at right of western (far-right) entrance portal, centered horizontally within adjacent wall surface; locations of stainless-steel hanging brackets for installing sign onto stone wall will coordinate with masonry screws inserted into existing mortar joints
3. New signage for the front of the rectory includes the following details:
  - a. sign to be fabricated from 1.5-inch thick High-Density Urethane (HDU) rigid board in beige color with v-carved graphics in black color and v-carved off-set border surround in gold leaf; lower half of sign also includes inlaid Aluminum Composite Material (ACM) panel in black color

- b. sign measures 61-inches tall x 31-inches wide, with underside of sign at 16.5-inches above porch deck; pointed arch design of signage recalls Gothic arches of portals and windows of church structure
  - c. upper portion of sign includes cross graphic followed by text line "HOLY" followed by text line "INFANCY" in large, serif, all upper-case lettering followed by text line "ROMAN CATHOLIC" and thereafter by text line "CHURCH" in smaller, serif, all upper-case lettering; lower half of sign includes panel insert with various text (contact information, operational hours, etc.) in small, sanserif lettering in white color
  - d. sign to be installed onto front of left pair of wooden porch columns; stainless-steel mechanical fasteners for installing sign into columns are within off-set border surround and painted to match color of border
4. New illumination for signage includes the following details:
- a. metal gooseneck light fixtures with angled shades in black color with maximum 3000K LED bulbs
  - b. HCC recommends no conduits, raceways, or junction boxes for new illumination are visible on building exteriors; however, that is not possible at this location, so new church illumination includes surface-mounted conduit painted to match existing stone masonry façade while new rectory illumination ties into existing porch ceiling light fixture and down through existing boxed columns
5. The Applicant agreed to submit updated details (to-scale elevation drawings indicating corrected dimensions, etc.) for each new sign along with product specifications for new illumination (cut sheets confirming fixture count, size, style, locations, etc.) via City of Bethlehem for review and approval by HCC Vice Chair, Historic Officer and Chief Building Inspector prior to fabrication and installation.

The motion for the proposed work was unanimously approved, with Mr. Cornish, Mr. Evans, Mr. Hudak, Mr. Simonson and Ms. Strasser voting in favor of the motion. Based upon the oral report made by the Historic Officer and the presentation of the Applicant, the Commission found that the proposal complies with the following Secretary of Interior's Standard (SIS) for Rehabilitation:

- SIS 9. -- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

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By: Jet Lab

Date of Meeting: August 15, 2022

Title: Historic Officer