

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

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

The applicant/owner of the property located at 155 East Market Street is seeking approval for a previously installed decorative screen on top of an existing brick wall.

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 THE COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

APPLICATION #1: The applicant/owner of the property located at 155 East Market Street is seeking approval for a previously installed decorative screen on top of an existing brick wall.

OWNER: Anthony Silva & Margie Berns
155 East Market Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

The Board upon motion by Joe McGavin and seconded by Connie Postupack adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the previously installed decorative screen on top of an existing brick wall, with the following conditions;

1. It was noted that the decorative screen was installed without a building permit from the City. Therefore, the Applicant must submit for and secure a Building Permit and proper inspection from the City of Bethlehem for the installation of the decorative screen. This should be done prior to painting the decorative screen.
2. The paint color for the decorative screen shall be Cushing Green (HC-125) as manufactured by Benjamin Moore and as submitted with the Application.

The vote was 4 yes votes and 1 no vote to approve the previously installed decorative screen on top of an existing brick wall, as per the motion.

Guideline Citation:

Secretary of Interior Standards No.(s)

#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 historic material, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the historic property and its environment.

#10 New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Bethlehem Historic District Design Guidelines

Page 13: Fences: The HARB encourages,

- Maintaining historic fences, walls, and gates, including regular repainting of wood and metal elements
- Installing fences and gates with a painted finish that compliments the property, with posts facing towards the interior of a property

The HARB discourages,

- Blocking views to principal elevations of historic buildings and settings with tall, solid fences; solid walls; or dense plantings and foliage

- Installing non-traditional fencing materials such as vinyl
- Installing stockade fencing
- Installing chain link fencing

Evaluation, Effect on Historic District, Recommendations: The proposed work conforms with the intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Bethlehem Historic District Design Guidelines and will have no negative impact to the historic district.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Joseph Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "P" at the end.

Date of Meeting: October 4, 2023

By: **H. Joseph Phillips**
Title: **Historic Officer**