

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

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 install a new wall sign in an
existing sign board area at 203 East Third 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 #828 -- It is proposed to secure a COA to install a new wall sign in an existing sign board area.

OWNER / APPLICANT: John Skeparnias / Orwa Makhoul

The Commission upon motion by Mr. Evans 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 four existing non-illuminated wall signs for 'Bank of America' was presented by Orwa Makhoul and Ray Rabeh.
2. Appropriate details for new signage include individual pin-mounted, large, bold, all lowercase, stylized, serif acrylic letters approx. 29 1/4-inches tall x 58 1/4-inches wide that read "alibi" followed by individual pin-mounted symbols (martini glass, musical treble clef, fork and knife); all letters and symbols are brushed gold in color.

Notes: The Applicant agreed to provide a supplemental design that indicates a painted pinstripe in a complementary color onto the existing sign band to frame around new signage that matches the dimensions of the existing pinstripe detail around signage of the adjacent commercial tenant within the same sign band, for final review by the Chief Building Inspector, HCC Chair and Historic Officer prior to fabrication and installation.

The motion for the proposed work was unanimously approved, with Mr. Evans, Mr. Hudak, Mr. Lader, Mr. Simonson and Ms. Strasser voting in favor of the resulting resolution. Based upon the oral report made by the Historic Officer and the presentation of the Applicant, the Commission found that the proposal adheres to Bethlehem Ordinance 1714.03 'Purposes of the Historic Conservation District' as well as Historic Conservation Commission 'Guidelines for Signage' and also 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.

JBL: jbl

By: Jet Lab

Date of Meeting: November 20, 2023

Title: Historic Officer