

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

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 demolish the existing single-family dwelling at 1304 Spring Street; this review is a continuation of the July 15, 2024, HCC meeting.

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 , 2025.

(s)_____
President of Council

ATTEST:

(s)_____
City Clerk

HISTORIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CASE #852 -- It is proposed to demolish the existing single-family dwelling at 1304 Spring Street; this review was a continuation of the July 15, 2024, HCC meeting.

OWNER / APPLICANT: Diocese of Allentown / Salvatore Verrastro

The Commission upon motion by Mr. Lader and seconded by Mr. Chambers adopted the proposal that City Council DENY a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work as presented and as described herein:

1. The proposal to demolish an existing single-family dwelling was presented by Joseph Shadid, Randy Smith, Salvatore Verrastro and Christopher Worton.
2. The motion to DENY a recommendation to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work was unanimously approved; therefore, the proposal to secure approval to demolish an existing single-family dwelling was DENIED based upon its failure to comply with Bethlehem Ordinance Article 1714.03 Purposes of the Historic Conservation District as well as Historic Conservation Commission Design Guidelines concerning Demolition. Select HCC members voting in support of denying a recommendation to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposal considered the existing dwelling as significant to the immediate streetscape and also to the overall Mount Airy Neighborhood District. Other HCC members voting in support of denying a recommendation to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposal noted the Applicant could investigate design solutions that rehabilitate the existing historic structure while including a sympathetic new addition that also satisfies relevant design guidelines for new construction.

JBL: jbl

Date of Meeting: January 27, 2025

By: 
Title: Historic Officer