

City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA)

Building address 131 E Church St
 Owner of building Llewellyn Company Ltd. Phone _____
 Owner's email & mailing address _____
 Applicant Christine Ussler, Artefact, Inc Phone: _____
 Applicant's email & mailing address _____
 Street and Number City State Zip Code

APPLICANT MUST ATTEND MEETING FOR CASE TO BE HEARD.
USE THE CHECKLIST ON THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION TO ENSURE YOUR SUBMISSION IS COMPLETE.

Application form, photographs, and drawings must be submitted (see attached for deadline) prior to the regular scheduled meeting in order to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

1. PHOTOGRAPHS - Photographs of your building and neighboring buildings must accompany your application.

2. TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED – Check all that apply. Please bring any samples or manufactures specifications for products you will use in this project.

<input type="checkbox"/> Trim and decorative woodwork	<input type="checkbox"/> Skylights
<input type="checkbox"/> Siding and Masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal work
<input type="checkbox"/> Roofing, gutter and downspout	<input type="checkbox"/> Light fixtures
<input type="checkbox"/> Windows, doors, and associated hardware	<input type="checkbox"/> Signs
<input type="checkbox"/> Storm windows and storm doors	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
<input type="checkbox"/> Shutters and associated hardware	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Decorative Brick Wall</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Paint (Submit color chips – HARB only)	

3. DRAWINGS OF PROPOSED WORK – Required drawings must accompany your application. Please submit ONE ORIGINAL AND TEN (10) COPIES OF DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS, APPLICATION FORM, AND ANY SPECIFICATIONS

☐ Alteration, renovation, restoration (1/4 or 1/8"=1'0" scale drawings required IF walls or openings altered.)
☐ New addition (1/4" or 1/8"=1'0" scale drawings: elevations, floor plans, site plan)
☒ New building or structure (1/4" or 1/8"=1'0" scale drawings: elevations, floor plans, site plan)
☐ Demolition, removal of building features or building (1/4" or 1/8"=1'0" scale drawings: elevation of remaining site and site plan)
☐ A scale drawing, with an elevation view, is required for all sign submittals

4. DESCRIBE PROJECT – Describe any work checked in #2 and #3 above. Attach additional sheets as needed.

It is proposed to build a brick wall at the front of the existing house. The wall is proposed to be approximately 5' high with piers slightly higher and a center gate with gas lamps on either side. The intent is to be compatible with the 1939 Georgian Revival style home and to enhance the streetscape. The home is set back from the sidewalk nearly 70' on a slight rise. The wall will not obscure the home from the street. There are many fences in the range of 5'-6' high on the block. A similar wall was approved at the rear of the property at an earlier date.

5. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE Christine Ussler DATE: 10/4/2024
 OWNER'S SIGNATURE PC DATE: 10/4/2024

Proposed decorative brick walls for 131 E Church St.
HARB submission

As stated on the application form the proposal is to build a decorative brick wall at the front and sides of the existing 1939 Georgian Revival home. The owner received previous HARB approval (2019) for similar brick walls at the rear of the property. The wall is approximately 5' in height with piers at 5'8". At the center the brick wall curves up to meet slightly taller piers with gas lamps and custom "wrought iron" gate. At the far east end is a smaller secondary gate with pedimented header. The wall would be positioned about 5' from the sidewalk, out of the 50' wide street R-O-W.

The intent of the decorative wall is to enhance the property and give the house, which is approximately 70' from the sidewalk, a street presence. The proposed brick would match the house and the brick used at the rear of the property on Wesley St. Caps for the piers would be either cast stone or limestone appropriately tapered to shed water. The proposed gates would be custom made of "wrought-iron" and painted black. The lamps on the main gate posts would ideally be gas although electric would be an alternate if installation of gas lines became problematic.

Existing house views:

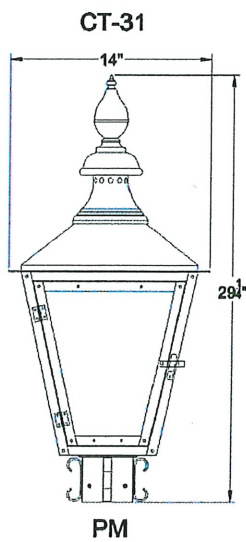


View with proposed wall. Wall would be slightly further back from the sidewalk than shown in rendering.



Since the house is situated on a slight rise the wall will not obstruct the house from view. The wall would extend on the south and north sides of the property.

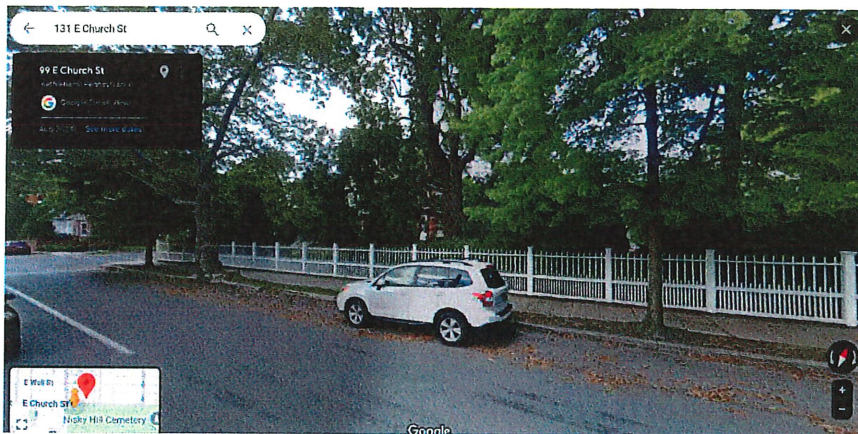
The proposed gas/electric lantern is the Charleston post mount copper lantern by Primo_French Market. The lantern comes in both electric and gas versions:



Some examples of fences above 3' located on the block and at nearby locations:



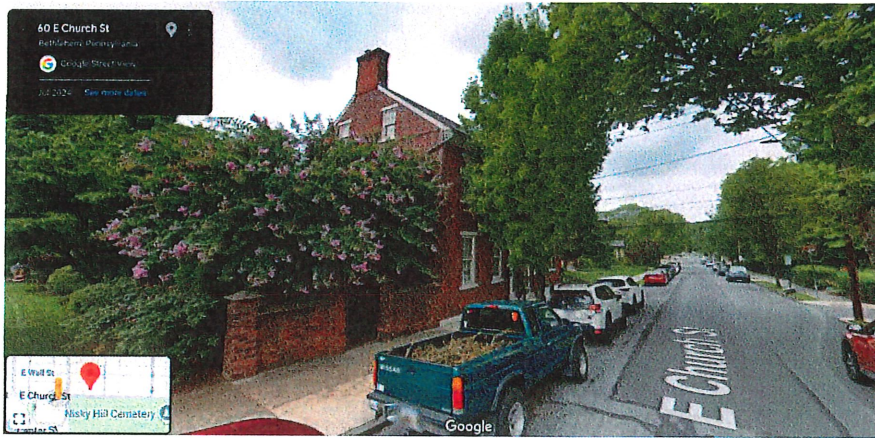
Neighboring fence to the east of 131 E Church



Fence at E Church and Center



Fence across from 131 E Church (Nisky Hill Cemetery)



Brick wall at 60 E Church



Shadow box fencing on Center at Market



Solid fence at NW corner of Church and Center