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ADDRESS: 12 Aldersey Street

CASE: HPC.ALT 2021.26

APPLICANT: Lara & Vladimir Jaugust

OWNER: Same as applicant

DETERMINATION: *Conditional* **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)**

DECISION DATE: May 18, 2021

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the proposal ***for the restoration and reconstruction of the historic front-entry portico*** as-submitted for the **Local Historic District (LHD)** property at **12 Aldersey Street**.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

- The applicant proposed to fully restore the portico back to the original design and appearance. The existing front portico has been altered from the original appearance. Submitted plans for the portico depict the replacement of architectural elements that were previously altered or removed, such as the brackets and half arch trusses. Proposed plans also depict the removal of the 20th century wood railings and balustrades.

DETERMINATION

The applicable portion of the *Design Guidelines* is ***D. Porches, steps, trim and other architectural elements.***

The HPC voted 5-0 to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the rehabilitation and restoration of the front-entry portico. In their discussion, the HPC commended the restoration.

The HPC then voted 5-0 to grant a ***CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (CA)***.

The following conditions apply. Failure to comply with this Certificate and the conditions added thereto may result in delays to final sign-offs, removal of incongruous/inappropriate materials or incongruously/inappropriately-designed replacement features, CO, or other changes/ delays.

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CONDITIONS

1. The Applicant/Owner shall file the Certificate with the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) by uploading it to the CitizenServe permitting portal with their application for zoning compliance/building permit.
2. The Applicant/Owner shall obtain all relevant building permits through Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and any other required departments/agencies.
3. This Certificate is valid for one year. If work has not commenced within one year of the HPC's date of determination, this Certificate shall expire and the Applicant shall re-apply for re-issuance of this Certificate. Provided that no changes have been made to the proposal, this shall be a Staff-level re-issuance of the Certificate.
4. Any changes to this proposal made prior to the commencement of work or in-the-field changes shall be submitted to Preservation Planning for their review to determine if the changes come under the purview of the HPC. Failure to seek approval for changes may delay final sign-offs/COs.
5. Original columns, cornices, brackets, trusses, and frieze found to be in good condition shall be retained and re-used *in situ* with replacement wood installed where necessary to replace damaged or rotten columns, brackets, cornice, trusses, and frieze.
6. Columns, cornice, brackets, trusses, frieze and similar detailing shall be painted wood.
7. Columns shall be molded to include cimbia detailing along the shafts.
8. Single brackets shall be installed along the lower cornice line.
9. Existing 20th Century portico balustrades and railings shall be removed.
10. Portico decking and ceiling shall be wood.
11. The plan set shall be updated to incorporate the materials, details, and design aspects set forth in this condition set. The updated plan set shall be submitted to Preservation Planning for their review and approval prior its submission to ISD.
12. Once the updated plan set is approved by Preservation Planning, the Applicant/Owner shall upload that approved plan set to ISD.
12. The Applicant shall contact Preservation Planning at historic@somervillema.gov a minimum of 15 business days prior to final ISD walk-through so that Preservation Planning or their designee can confirm if the project was completed according to HPC approvals.

Submitted:

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