

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 19, 2014
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
C14H-1976-0017
Chicago House
607 Trinity Street

PROPOSAL

Construct a new wooden awning across the front of the building.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to construct a new wooden awning across the front of the building in accordance with historic photographs. The new awning will be suspended by wire cables that will be fastened to the building through masonry joints rather than risking damage to the existing historic masonry. The proposed awning will have lighting over the doorways.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Commission's Standards for Review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness include:

- Do not destroy the distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment. Avoid the removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features.
- Recognize all buildings, structures, and sites as products of their own time. Do not construct alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance.
- Construct new additions or alterations to structures in such a manner that if such addition or alteration were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure will be unimpaired.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Not reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the application, with the recommendation that the applicant consider re-positioning the canopy so that the round-arched windows that are so distinctive on this building remain visible under the awning.



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Photograph dating from the early 1950s showing the awning across the front of the building.



Photograph dating from the early 1950s showing the awning on the building.