CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

Applicant Name: WRC, Inc. an IL Corp Phone Number: 309-444-3121
Owner Name:Dean R. Essig Phone Number:309-444-8041
Contractor Name: Vital Signs Phone Number: 309-745-9361
Architect Name: Phone Number:
Address or location of property: <u>135-139 Washington Square</u> , Washington, IL
Property Tax ID Number (PIN): 02 - 02 - 24 - 100 - 033
Please describe the proposed work:
Sign on front of 139 Washington Square to replace current sign.
This sign will be made of 3/8 flat cut solid aluminum stud mounted with no
visible fastners. The aluminum will be paint matched to the remax Specs of Color.
 PLEASE ATTACH: The legal description of the property. Any architectural drawings or sketches to enable the Historic Preservation Commission to determine what the final appearance and use of the real estate will be. Ten copies of the application and supporting materials. Certification: To the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein, and on the attachments, is true, accurate, and correct, and substantially represents the existing features and proposed features. Any error, misstatement, or misrepresentation of material fact or expression of material fact, with or without intention, shall constitute sufficient grounds for the revocation or denial of the proposed Certificate of
Appropriateness. Signature of Applicant Date
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Application Completed: Case No

Please contact Jon Oliphant, Planning & Development Director, at 444-1135 with any questions.

- (9) Signs: Commercial buildings traditionally display a variety of signs with different designs and placement, and should be given a large amount of flexibility in their use. Signage should be kept in the historic design and style as much as possible, and should be an appropriate size for each storefront. Signs must receive a COA unless there is routine maintenance that must be performed on the sign.
 - (a) Historic signs should be preserved, maintained, and repaired when possible.
 - (b) New signs should be created from traditional materials such as wood, glass, or copper.
 - (c) Signs should be proportionate to the storefront and should not be extremely oversized.
 - (d) Buildings should not have more than two (2) signs, excluding signs that are painted directly onto windows.
 - (e) Signs should coordinate with the colors of the building.
 - (f) Letters in a sign should not exceed eighteen (18) inches in height or cover over sixty percent (60%) of the total sign area.
 - (g) Signs are most often located on the upper façade walls, are hanging or mounted inside windows or project from the face of the building, typically above doors or windows. Sandwich board signs are also allowed and can be placed on the sidewalk in front of the business during business hours provided they do not impede pedestrian movement or vehicular visibility. These sandwich board signs shall not exceed a total size of six (6) square feet.
 - (h) When installing signs, it should be done carefully as to not damage historic materials. Anchors should be placed in mortar rather than masonry.
 - (i) Lighting for signs is appropriate but should be concealed.
 - (j) Neon signs, unless originals or replicas should not be used along the Square, especially for permanent signage.
 - (k) Electronic message boards are not prohibited but should be controlled as to not become a hazard for traffic in the Square or to other business owners.







