

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**MAY 23, 2016**  
**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**  
**No number assigned**  
**State Theater**  
**719 Congress Avenue**

**PROPOSAL**

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Replace granite tile with black quartz tile in accordance with the original details of the theater and pursuant to an ACVB Heritage grant.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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The original ca. 1935 façade of the Stateside Theater was black quartz tile with white accents in an Art Deco design. The black quartz tile was replaced with granite tile; the proposed grant project will restore the historic appearance of the façade of the theater by replacing the granite tile with new black quartz tile.

The State Theater is not a historic landmark, but has applied for and gotten approval for a grant for this restoration project. The Commission must approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work before the funds can be disbursed to the recipient.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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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.
- Repair, rather than replace deteriorated architectural features wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Base the repair or replacement of missing architectural features on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Not reviewed.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Approve as proposed.