

MEMORANDUM

To: Historic District Commissioners

From: Jill Thacher, Historic Preservation Coordinator

Date: January 12, 2023

Re: Modification to Staff Approvals List: Solar

The Historic District Commission has approved certain solar installations in a fairly perfunctory manner over the last several years, as these applications have become more common and the information they present fairly standardized. Staff is requesting that the HDC modify the current language for staff's approval of solar panels, to capture a greater number of these installations. Front-facing roof surfaces would still require HDC review and approval. As always, problematic applications that may not meet the relevant standards and guidelines would still require Commission review for appropriateness.

The current language from the Staff Approvals List says:

33) Installation of new solar panels on non-character defining roof surfaces not visible from the street.

Staff would like to propose an amendment per this suggested motion:

I move that item 33 on the staff approvals list be amended to read as follows: 33) Installation of new solar panels on non-character defining roof surfaces not visible from the street, or installation of black-on-black panels on side facing roof surfaces that are visible from the street.