

**Town of Davidson, NC**  
**Historic Preservation Commission: Staff Analysis**  
**March 27, 2019**

**Project:** Davidson Public Library Handrail Project  
**Location:** 119 South Main Street (Parcel ID 00701313)  
**Applicant:** Mike Kessler on behalf of the Library Endowment Committee  
**Planning Area:** College Campus, Local Historic District

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A project is proposed at 119 South Main St (The Davidson Public Library) to add iron railings to the stairs on each side of the front porch (i.e. stage area) on the front of the library facing the Village Green. The iron railings will be black to match railings in the vicinity at the side entrance to the library facing Main Street and at the entrance to the Davidson College Presbyterian Church. Because this proposal includes building alterations/site changes for a property located in the Local Historic District, HPC approval is required.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDELINES (DPO Section 22):**

**Materials: Architectural Metals pg. 28-29**

*Traditional architectural metals include copper, brass, bronze, **cast and wrought iron**, tin, terne plate, steel, stainless steel, aluminum, and chrome. Each metal has distinct qualities and visual characteristics tied to the manufacturing process, such as extruding or casting, and its inherent nature. Standing seam metal roofs, copper and aluminum flashing, gutters and downspouts, cast iron grilles and fences, **wrought iron railings**, brass hardware, and pressed metal cornices all contribute to the historic character of the Davidson Historic District.*

**Guidelines: Architectural Metals**

6. *If an architectural metal detail or feature is missing, replace it with a new detail or feature that is based either upon accurate documentation of the original or upon a new design compatible in material, scale, and detail with the historic character of the building and district.*

**DAVIDSON PLANNING ORDINANCE:**

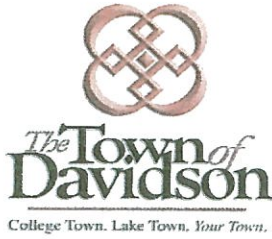
**SITE AND BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS**

**Section 4.2.1 – Historic District Regulations**

*All changes or improvements made to structures within the Local Historic District must comply with the Historic District Regulations as described in Section 22.*

**Section 4.4.1.E.4a-b – General Building Design Standards - Materials**

*Building materials and colors shall be complimentary to materials already being used in the general area. If dissimilar materials are being proposed, other characteristics such as scale, proportion, form, architectural detailing, color, and texture shall be used to ensure that the building relates to the rest of the neighborhood.*



## Certificate of Appropriateness

Impr. Link to Town of Davidson Library  
(Name of Project)

### Contact Information

#### Applicant's Information

Name:

Mike Kessler on behalf of Library Endowment Committee

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Mike Kessler @ TSG Residential . Com

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DAVIDSON NC 28036

Business Phone:

Mobile Phone:

704-309-9143

#### Property Owner's Information

(If Different from Applicant)

Name:

DAVIDSON COLLEGE / Town of Davidson

E-Mail:

Mailing Address:

Business Phone:

Mobile Phone:

#### Architect's Information

Name of Firm:

N/A

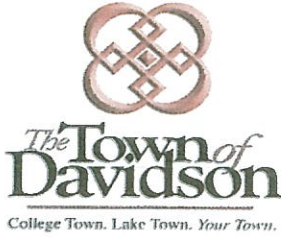
Architect's Name:

E-Mail:

Mailing Address:

Business Phone:

Mobile Phone:



## Certificate of Appropriateness

Iron Railings @ Town of Davidson Library  
(Name of Project)

### Project Description

Application Date: 2/28/19  
Project Location: Village Green - Concord Road & Main St.  
(Indicate street frontage, nearest intersection, and address, if assigned)  
Tax Parcel(s): 00701313  
Planning Area: Village Center  
Master or Conditional Plan: N/A  
(Include any conditions of approval)

General Statement of Intent: ADD Railings TO STAIRS ON EACH SIDE OF THE FRONT PORCH / STAGE AREA IN FRONT OF LIBRARY.

#### Project Details:

Project Type: ☐ new structure ☒ addition ☐ exterior alteration  
☐ sign ☐ vendor cart ☐ demolition

Building Type: Hand Rails

Building Materials: Iron

Colors: Black

Architectural Features: N/A

#### Existing Site Conditions:

(include significant physical, environmental, and cultural features; significant and heritage trees, existing structures; and infrastructure and street layout)

N/A





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### Application Requirements

#### Date Received

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Application Fee per Town of Davidson Fee Schedule



Contact Information



Project Description  
(including General Statement of Intent)



Statement of Compliance with Section 9 and Section 22



Master Plan or Conditional Planning Area  
(including all documents, plans, maps, and conditions of approval)



Environmental Inventory in accordance with Section 8.2  
(including adjacent properties and buildings)



Color Photos  
(including existing and adjacent sites and building(s) taken from the perspective of the public streets adjacent to the site)



Site Schematic Design in accordance with Section 8.8



Building Schematic Design in accordance with Section 8.4



Landscape Schematic Design in accordance with Section 8.6



Building Perspective in accordance with Section 8.4 D



Building Materials/Colors



4-Sided Building Elevations and Color Front Elevations

As the applicant, I hereby confirm that all the required materials for this application are authentic and have been submitted to the Town of Davidson Planning Department.

[Signature]  
Applicant's Signature

2/28/19  
Date





















Railing Example

- OCP Church  
Front Entrance





# Certificate of Appropriateness

The Historic Preservation Commission hereby certifies that the application for:

Name of Applicant: **The Library Endowment Committee represented by Mike Kessler**

Name of Project: **Davidson Public Library Handrail Project**

Address: **119 South Main Street**

is approved for:

☐ New Structure ☐ Addition or Expansion ☒ Exterior Alteration or Reconstruction ☐ Relocation

☐ Demolition ☐ Sign(s) ☐ Vendor Cart ☐ Exterior Lighting ☒ Exterior Materials and Color(s)

☒ Other: Iron Stail Railings

This certificate is not a permit. This certificate does not relieve any party of the responsibility of filing for and obtaining all required permits or of following all other applicable codes, ordinances, and regulations. This certificate does not negate any protective covenants or deed restrictions on the property. Any change in the applicant's plans requires the filing of a revised application with the Town of Davidson, NC.

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Chair, Historic Preservation Commission

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Date March 27, 2019