



**SYRACUSE  
LANDMARK  
PRESERVATION  
BOARD**

**Landmark Preservation Board  
Thursday, October 15, 2015**

Meeting Minutes

Common Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Don Radke called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Cynthia Carter, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, Jeff Romano and Joe Saya

Excused: Tom Cantwell

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of September 17, 2015 were approved unanimously as submitted on the motion of D. Leary which was seconded by B. Haley.

The minutes of October 1, 2015 were approved unanimously as submitted on the motion of B. Haley, which was seconded by D. Leary.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*No Old Business*

**CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

*No new applications*

**ZONING REFERRALS**

*No new referrals*

**DISCUSSION**

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Bishop's House: masonry repairs, roof replacement, window replacement. Connie Brace and Andrew Wright of QPK Design made a presentation regarding proposed rehabilitation work at the cathedral and Bishop's House, both of which are within the Columbus Circle Preservation District. The scope of the cathedral repairs includes replacing roofing in kind (slate on primary steep-slope roofs and shingles on the low-slope roofs) and masonry repair where needed. The Board agreed that the proposed repairs were appropriate.

The proposed scope of the work for the Bishop's House is larger. It includes the installation of an interior elevator, the tower of which will be just visible from the rear side of the building. The Board had no comment regarding the proposed roof top addition as it will have minimal visual impact on the property. The interior installation of new wheelchair accessible bathrooms requires the abandonment of two window openings and a doorway, visible from the courtyard to the property. The Board recommended that the windows and door openings be retained. The steps up to the door should be retained and a chain placed at the stairs to alert people that it is no longer an entrance. The Board had no comment on a proposed new skylight located at the link between the house and the cathedral, which will be hidden behind a parapet wall; nor did it have comment on proposed minor roof repairs. The major point of discussion was the proposed window replacements for the Bishop's House. The goal of the window replacement project is

both thermal efficiency as well as ease of use. The wood windows, which are primarily one-over-one, have metal storm sashes and many have window air conditioning units. (There are also a number of diamond paned casement windows and transoms.) The Board reviewed and discussed the original elevation drawings of the building as well as the condition of the windows. It recommended that all the windows, which appear to be in good condition, be repaired and retained to the maximum extent possible. Finally, the Diocese is seeking to build a two-car garage at the rear parking lot. The sketch of the garage illustrated a garage with a pyramidal roof and an overall residential appearance. The Board recommended a design more suited to the downtown urban character. It suggested a structure with a lower roof profile – a shed roof or flat roof behind a parapet-- and that the garage be faced in brick.

Upper Onondaga Park: Installation of Mountain Goat Race sculpture. Jeff Mickle from the Mountain Goat Race Foundation presented a proposal to install a sculpture in Upper Onondaga Park. The sculpture will be approximately 12-ft tall featuring a bronze mountain goat on top of a large granite base. The sculpture will be located on the inside of the grass circle at the Round Top section of the park. The tall stone base will feature a steel plaque with the incised names of Mountain Goat honorees. The site was selected because it is the highest point of the race. The sponsors believe that runners and visitors will want to get close to the sculpture for photographs or to touch the sculpture as they pass by during the race. The Board recommended that instead of greenery at the base of the sculpture that a hardscape be installed which will ease the maintenance and will help with the potential foot traffic. The Board recommended approval of the proposal.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.