



Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, October 3, 2013

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: Tom Cantwell, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Don Radke, Jeff Romano, Joe Saya

Excused: Cynthia Carter, Julia Marshall

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 19, 2013 meeting were not available for review. They will be reviewed and approved at the October 17 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

CA-13-22 110 Dorset Road. The applicant was not present at the meeting. The Board reviewed the application to paint the exterior of 110 Dorset Road. K. Auwaerter presented the paint color samples to the Board which included yellow for the main body of the house, white for the trim, and black for the shutters.

D. Leary made a motion to approve the application as submitted. J. Romano seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CA-13-23 310 Dewitt Street. Keith Rung, the owner and applicant, presented the application to install vinyl lap siding to the detached garage at 310 Dewitt Street. He noted that his contractor had started the work prior to the application and that the front façade of the garage was already sided in vinyl. The existing siding is a horizontal wood drop siding, painted white. D. Radke stated that vinyl siding was not a compatible material in the preservation district and that the Board had never approved use of vinyl in the district. He also recommended strongly that in future, the applicant come to the Board prior to any work commencing. B. Haley made a motion to deny the application for vinyl siding, which was seconded by D. Leary. In discussion, the Board noted that wood drop siding matching the original was readily available and would be the appropriate material to replace any rotting wood siding on the garage. The remaining siding could be scraped and painted. To prevent future water damage, the Board also suggested that the applicant consider installing a masonry course around the base of the garage to keep water away from the wood. The motion to deny the application was approved unanimously.

Project Site Review: 613 N. Salina Street. Robert Malta (applicant/owner) presented the project to restore the façade at 613 N. Salina Street, including repairing the two story projecting oriel window, replacing vinyl windows with painted wood windows, cleaning and tuckpointing masonry, and painting. The Board commended the applicant on the project and agreed to recommend approval to Zoning Administration.

Project Site Review: 615-17 N. Salina Street. Robert Malta (applicant/owner) presented the project to restore the façade on the property at 615-17 N. Salina Street, including repairing the wood cornice, cleaning and tuckpointing the masonry, and painting. The Board again commended the applicant and agreed to recommend approval of the proposed project to Zoning Administration.

DISCUSSION

Predevelopment: 908 Harrison Street (Skylar Students Commons). Ed Harrington (architect) and Norm Swanson (owner) made a presentation to the Board regarding the new construction at 908 Harrison Street. K. Auwaerter reminded the Board that its jurisdiction was to comment on the new design in relation to its visual impact on the historic Temple Adath Yeshurun, which is located on the same parcel. E.

Harrington discussed the project to construct a 5-story apartment building that will contain 100, 1-bedroom apartments. The building will be clad in fiber cement panels and the main facades will be articulated with projecting bays in vertical bands. The main entrance to the building will be located off an interior parking lot and will feature a black standing-seam metal roof matching the roof over the courtyard area attached to the former temple. It will also feature secondary entrances on the north (Harrison Street) and east sides.

B. Haley noted that the scale of the building was a potential issue. In order to lessen the scale visually, he recommended ganging features together along the main facades, for example coupling bays together, in order to reduce the repetitive nature of the façade and to make the building look less institutional. E.

Harrington said he would consider this recommendation. He is planning to submit a Project Site Review application for review in time for the November Board meeting.

City Consultation: Pass Arboretum. B.J. Adigun (CH2M Hill) and Glen Lewis (City Parks) presented a proposal to install two interpretative signs regarding the rain gardens at Pass Arboretum. The sign panels will be mounted on simple metal frames and posts. The proposal called for the signs to be located one at each garden (which are located in close proximity to each other). After discussion about location, it was agreed that a sign close to the front entrance to the park and a sign along the pathway next to the gardens would be appropriate. D. Leary asked about illumination, which B.J. Adigun said had not been considered because of cost. B. Haley recommended sheet solar collectors for potential illumination. K. Auwaerter noted that illumination should be considered for its impact on the historic character of the park. The Board agreed to recommend approval of the proposed signage at the revised locations.

ADJOURN

J. Romano made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Saya. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.