



**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, November 7, 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, Cynthia Carter, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, Jeff Romano, Joe Saya

Excused: N/A

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Romano made a motion to accept the minutes of October 17, 2013, as submitted, which was seconded by B. Haley. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

CA-13-26 708 Rugby Road. The applicant was not present. K. Auwaerter presented the application for the removal of two trees (a Norway Spruce and a Larch) located along the eastern edge of the driveway. Tree roots had undermined the driveway causing it to buckle in places. The applicants wished to remove the trees. The Board discussed the application. B. Haley suggested that the driveway might be repaved without removing these trees which both appear to be 40+ years old. He noted the importance of trees to the overall character of Garden Districts. Other Board members noted the trees had been compromised by trimming around the power lines that were also located down the driveway. D. Radke noted that the location of the power lines made this an unsuitable location for trees. J. Marshall made a motion to approve the removal of the two trees with the condition that the trees and stumps be removed completely. D. Leary seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Site Plan Review: 706-16 N. Clinton Street. The applicant was not present. K. Auwaerter noted that the Board had reviewed earlier plans in a predevelopment discussion. The Board noted that the proposed plans appeared to reflect the Board comments and agreed to recommend approval of the application as submitted.

Special Permit: 900 Butternut Street. The applicant was not present. The Board reviewed the proposed signs and their placement on the building. The Board recommended that applicant follow the guidelines of the Sign Ordinance. In addition, the Board recommended that no sign be attached flat against the surface of the building, noting that the wall sign as proposed covered up historic features of the building. They recommended that the applicants consider a projecting corner sign that could be seen in two directions. Finally, the Board recommended that all signs should be attached to the building through mortar joints and not directly through the stone, as this would cause irreparable damage to the stone.

DISCUSSION

Local Protected Site Discussion: 339, 343 & 345 West Jefferson Street. D. Radke noted that there was no action to take at this point as no demolition application had yet been applied for. He recommended strongly that Board members go to the site to review the properties.

National Register Nominations: The Board reviewed and discussed the nominations of four properties to the National Register of Historic Places that will be reviewed by the State Review Board in December. The SHPO had requested comment from the Board regarding the nominations. The four nominations include the Bellevue Country Club (1901 Glenwood Avenue), Courier Building (210 Montgomery St), Downtown Syracuse Commercial Historic District (expansion) and the Odd Fellows Lodge and Temple (212 Ash Street). The Board agreed that they all deserved recognition and directed staff to send the Board's positive comment to the SHPO.

ADJOURN

J. Romano made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Saya. The meeting adjourned at 8:55a.m.