



**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, December 17, 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: Tom Cantwell, Cynthia Carter, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, and Jeff Romano

Excused: Joe Saya

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 19, 2015 were approved unanimously on the motion of C. Carter, which was seconded by J. Romano with the following correction:

Special Permit: 509-11 W. Onondaga Street. The Board recommended that the ramp decking be made of exterior-grade, *non-pressure treated* wood and that the railing should be as visually unobtrusive as possible. *Pressure treated wood is suitable for non-visible structural members of the ramp only.*

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

No new applications

ZONING REFERRALS

Project Site Review: 412 Pearl Street. Duane Sauro (owner) presented his application to renovate a storefront on his building at 412 Pearl Street. K. Auwaerter explained that this block of Pearl is included in the expansion area of the North Salina Street Historic District. The Board reviewed the proposal to create a new storefront, which is currently covered by T-111 siding. The drawings depict two, 6'w x 4'6"h windows flanking a center doorway. Above the windows and door is a 19'x 2' sign band extending the full length of the facade. The Board noted that the proportions of the proposed new shopfront windows gave the shopfront a horizontal rather than vertical appearance and were therefore not historically appropriate. The Board recommended that the applicant consider revising the design to feature vertically oriented windows and transoms above the door and windows. The Board suggested that this could be achieved by lowering the sill height of the windows and by eliminating the sign band to allow for the transoms. The sign could be located over the doorway. The applicant showed the Board an image of the property from when he purchased it, which showed an altered but more historically characteristic storefront arrangement. The applicant agreed to revisit the design of the storefront and the Board held the application open pending revised drawings.

DISCUSSION

Seneca Turnpike Corridor Improvements: Samuel Forman House. K. Auwaerter shared plans from the Engineering Department for a sidewalk realignment project in front of the Samuel Forman House on W. Seneca Turnpike. The existing sidewalk is located against the curb with no tree lawn between the curb and

sidewalk. The front yard of the property meets the sidewalk at a short steep slope. A set of concrete steps provide access from the sidewalk to the front walk of the house. The realigned sidewalk pushes the sidewalk back into the lawn in front of the house (though still within the City's right-of way) eliminating the need for the steps. It will also allow for the creation of a tree lawn between the sidewalk and the curb, which will be planted with trees. The Board reviewed the plans and agreed that the proposed realignment had no negative effect on the historic character of the property. The Board agreed to recommend approval of the proposal.

2016 Calendar: The Board reviewed the 2016 calendar and approved the dates as proposed.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.