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BOARD*

**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, December 5, 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: Cynthia Carter, Tom Cantwell, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, Jeff Romano

Excused: Joe Saya

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. Haley made a motion to accept the minutes of November 21, 2013 as submitted, which was seconded by D. Leary. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Site Review (modification): 456-460 N. Salina St/622-30 N. State Street. K. Auwaerter noted that she had contacted the applicants and they had indicated that they could not be present at the meeting. She also reported that they requested specific design guidance from the Board regarding their project. The Board reviewed the information and made the following recommendations:

Transom and signboard: The proposed transom/signboard area should be divided into three main vertical sections in line with the vertical divisions of the façade of the building. Within each section, the transom/signboard should be divided horizontally. The horizontal division should be approximately 2-1/2 to 3 feet below the second story window sills. The lower band should be painted a darker color than the panel above to suggest a void (this area was most likely a glass transom). Contrary to the submitted drawing, the transom/signboard should not extend over the existing brick pilasters that frame the first story. The signage should be located in the center and within the lower panel above the door.

Cornice: The bottom wood cornice detail above the arched window and the additional decorative band above that cornice detail should be removed. The cornice at the roofline should extend down to approximately the height of the roofline of the adjoining building.

Color: The Board determined that it was unable to determine the appropriateness of the colors selected based on the Xeroxed images provided. In general, the window color appeared to be too light and the Board recommended a darker color than what was proposed. The Board requested color samples from Marvin and Benjamin Moore be submitted for staff review.

Special Permit: 410-14 S. Clinton Street. Tim Weber and Dave Schlosser of Schopfer Architects and owner Max Chutinhranond presented the plans to convert the former Onondaga Music Building into 21 apartment units with restaurant space on the first floor. The applicants indicated that they were seeking Rehabilitation Tax Credits and were awaiting approval of their Part 2 from the National Park Service. The Board reviewed the plans and discussed in particular the new ramp and stair on the Jefferson Street side of the property. The Board agreed to recommend approval of the project as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Permit (Modification): 402-12 S. Franklin Street. The Board reviewed the information provided and had the following comments:

Wall signs: The Board recommended that the applicant retain one of the wall signs, but that both signs would be excessive in the historic district. As an alternative, the Board suggested that the applicant consider a projecting corner sign and remove the wall signs. If the applicant selected a projecting sign, it should be attached to the building through mortar joints and above the top limestone course where there appears to be the shadow of a former bracket.

Awning signs: The Board recommended approval of the signs on awnings 1 and 2, but recommended against the awning sign on awning 3 as excessive within the context of the historic district. In addition, the Board strongly recommended that the applicant move the frames for awning 1 and 3 up to just below the metal header; the present placement of the awnings hides character defining features of the historic façade. Finally, the Board noted that the awning and wall signs graphics were not consistent. The Board determined that the proposed black and white signage was more appropriate in the historic district and recommended the black and white color scheme for both the awning signs and the wall or projecting sign.

DISCUSSION

No Discussion

ADJOURN

J. Romano made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Marshall. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.