



**Landmark Preservation Board**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2014**

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, Don Radke, Jeff Romano, Joe Saya

Excused: Tom Cantwell, Julia Marshall

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Romano made a motion to accept the minutes of December 5, 2013 as submitted, which was seconded by D. Leary. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*No Old Business*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Project Site Review: 601-11 + 615 S. Crouse Avenue. Ed Harrington (architect) presented the project to construct a multi-story, 100-unit apartment building on the lot that also contains the former Temple Adath Yeshurun (Hotel Skyler). E. Harrington pointed out the new, pedestrian-oriented design of the Harrison Street entrance. The Board also discussed the articulation of the main facades of the building with projecting bays, color, and horizontal and vertical paneling. After discussion, the Board recommended that the roof over the Harrison Street entrance should be a half hip and black to coordinate with the shape and color of the Hotel Skyler's patio roof located immediately adjacent to the entrance. The Board also recommended that the applicant consider a less vibrant orange to go with the proposed gold paint colors on the building. The proposed "Knockout Orange" appeared to be too bright a color within the context of the adjoining historic temple building. Finally, B. Haley recommended and the Board agreed that the applicant should consider uplighting the façades of the building instead of the proposed downlighting. He noted that downlighting produces a glare for the pedestrian on the sidewalk.

Special Permit (modification): 216 Walton Street. The Board reviewed the proposal to install a full-width awning with the new restaurant's logos and to reuse an existing projecting sign. The Board discussed the project and recommended approval of the existing projecting sign for tenant signage. It also recommended approval of the awning, but without the logos.

Sign Waiver: 500-52 S. Salina Street. K. Auwaerter noted that the Chimes Building was recently added to the National Register as part of the expanded Downtown Syracuse Commercial Historic District. The Board reviewed the proposed sign waiver application. The Board recommended against approving the signage as proposed; no signage should be attached to the facade of the building. Instead, the Board recommended that the tenant signage be located on the storefront only. The glass storefronts are each divided into three bays; the Board recommended that the main tenant signage be located in a center bay

below the soffit on a flush panel. The additional signage could be located to either side of the main sign or inside the storefront. The Board stated that illuminated signage would be acceptable in this situation.

### **DISCUSSION**

In the course of the discussion about signage, K. Auwaerter noted that there were no guidelines for signage specific to the Armory Square, Columbus Circle or Downtown Syracuse Commercial Historic Districts. B. Haley made a motion that the Board develops sign guidelines for the downtown historic districts as a 2014 Board initiative. C. Carter seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURN**

C. Carter made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Romano. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.