



**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, February 20, 2014**

Meeting Minutes

Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Bob Haley called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tom Cantwell, Cynthia Carter, Dan Leary, Don Radke, Jeff Romano, Joe Saya

Excused: Julia Marshall, Don Radke

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Carter made a motion to accept the minutes of February 6, 2014 as submitted, which was seconded by D. Leary. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Site Review: 205-09 E. Jefferson Street. K. Auwaerter noted that the project architect had been notified of the meeting, but was not present. She presented the Board's comments on the project from June 2013, noting that the Board had had concerns about the design of the storefront, in particular the height of the shopfront cornice and signband. The Board reviewed the revised plans. It noted that the drawings now depict a new roof-line cornice with an aluminum coping and fascia board. The Board agreed that the cornice was an improvement over the original submittal which omitted any roofline cornice detail. It recommended that the fascia board be made of painted fiber cement board or wood rather than metal. As for the shopfront details, the Board noted that the signboard and cornice were raised, as requested, to the second story line. However, it noted that the signboard/cornice was divided into three segments rather than one continuous band. The Board also had questions about which first-floor details were original (to be uncovered in the renovation) and which were a new interpretation. The Board determined that it did not have sufficient information to make final recommendations and requested that the project architect be present at the next meeting to respond to questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Site Review: 205 + 213 Schuyler St/216 N. Lowell Ave. The project representative, Marty Masterpole, was present at the meeting. The Board reviewed the plans to expand the parking lot at St. Patrick's Church. The expansion required the demolition of a mid-19th century frame house and an early 20th-century concrete block garage. The Board determined that the frame house did not appear to have sufficient architectural integrity to warrant local designation, nor was it part of a group of properties eligible for designation. C. Carter noted that the garage was associated with the former St. Patrick's Church rectory, demolished some time back. She said that the garage was included in the nomination by the SHPO because of its association with the former rectory. However, the Board concluded that with the loss of the rectory, the garage had lost its association and context and did not warrant consideration for local designation.

The Board discussed landscaping for the parking lot, especially where it abuts the residential property that faces Wilbur Avenue and between the parking lot and the meditation garden on the Schuyler Street side of

the church lot. It also discussed lighting for the parking lot, noting that it should be low level and be on a timer. It recommended the use of short, plain light poles and modern fixtures (rather than “historic” lighting fixtures) that direct light downward. The Board requested a landscape and lighting plan be submitted for review.

Finally, the Board discussed with the applicant the lack of sidewalks on the Wilbur Avenue side of its property. M. Masterpole said that although the church was eager to install sidewalks there are unresolved legal issues surrounding Wilbur Avenue that preclude their construction. Although out of its purview, the Board encouraged the applicant to continue to work with the City to resolve the legal issues in order to allow the installation of sidewalks along Wilbur Avenue to add to the pedestrian environment of the neighborhood.

Project Site Review/Sign Waiver: 317 W. Fayette Street. The Board reviewed the proposed installation of an orange awning and signage at 317 W. Fayette Street. The Board recommended denial of the proposed awning noting that the awning was incompatible in design, material and color with the building and surrounding historic district. The Board noted that with a recessed entrance, an awning was not necessary. It recommended that the applicants consider a flag or projecting sign that could be attached to one side of the entrance at a level above the shopfront windows.

DISCUSSION

No Discussion

ADJOURN

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