



**SYRACUSE
LANDMARK
PRESERVATION
BOARD**

**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, March 3, 2016**

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, Don Radke, Jeff Romano,

Excused: Julia Marshall, Joe Saya

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 18, 2016 were approved unanimously on the motion of C. Carter, which was seconded by T. Cantwell with the following correction:

CA-16-03: 9 Brattle Road. The Board reviewed the application. In discussion, it was noted that the basic form of the garage is a *symmetrical box with a single-story, later addition that alters the character of the garage.*

CA-16-04: 140 E. Genesee Street. The Board discussed the project with the applicants, in particular about number and placement of the signs. *In addition, the Board discussed the possibility of maintaining 80-90% transparency of the glass, so that the signs appeared as lettering on frosted glass rather than opaque, white signs.*

OLD BUSINESS

CA-16-01 (Modification): 259-277 E Onondaga Street. K. Auwaerter explained that the applicant had determined that there was sufficient ambient light from a neighboring property that the previously approved free-standing light post was not necessary to light the rear of the Parish Center and the new ramp. Instead, they proposed recessed lighting in the ramp and supplied cut sheets of the proposed lighting. The Board reviewed the proposed fixtures (3 in all) and their placement on the interior wall of the ramp. C. Carter made a motion to approve the recessed light fixtures as proposed, which was seconded by J. Romano. In discussion, D. Leary noted that it was inadvisable to rely on lighting located on neighboring parcels to light the property. Although the Diocese currently controls the adjacent property, this might not always be the case. K. Auwaerter stated that she would include this caution in the letter to the applicant. The motion carried unanimously.

CA-16-05: 259-277 E Onondaga Street: K. Auwaerter reported that the applicant was now considering a sash replacement kit instead of the full frame replacement as approved. Before committing to the kit, the Diocese will have a kit installed to test installation and functionality. The Board agreed that this was a good approach. However, the Board asked staff to request the full dimensions and details of the sash kit as well as drawings detailing how the kit would be installed. D. Leary also noted that the kits would not address the issue of lead paint in the frame and sills, and commented that a common solution is to install panning, which would be inappropriate in this application. D. Leary stated that he had had success using paint engineered specifically for lead encapsulation. K. Auwaerter stated that she would contact the applicant with the Board's request and comments.

CA-16-03: 9 Brattle Road (garage addition): K. Auwaerter reported that the applicant had submitted no new information. The Board agreed to continue to hold the application open.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

CA-16-06: 207 Brattle Road (sidewalk realignment). The applicant was not present. K. Auwaerter explained that the applicant is seeking to replace in-kind the entire 91 feet of concrete walkway that arcs from the driveway across the front of the house and down to the sidewalk. A mature tree at the corner of the house has buckled a portion of the walk. To avoid the tree roots, the new poured concrete path will be realigned to avoid the tree while maintaining the overall curvature of the pathway. They also propose to replace the bottom two steps of the front steps, which are cracked. They will be replaced in-kind, matching dimensions and material. The Board reviewed the application and made the suggestion that the applicant could also consider replacing just the buckled portion of the path by realigning the path in a circle around the base of the tree only. T. Cantwell made a motion to approve the application as submitted with the addition that if the applicant wished to replace only the buckled portion around the tree that would be acceptable. J. Romano seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.