



**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, May 1, 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, Dan Leary, Don Radke, Joe Saya

Excused: Tom Cantwell, Bob Haley, Julia Marshall, Jeff Romano

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the minutes of April 17, 2014 was delayed until the May 15 meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

CA-14-01: 501 Park Street. This application was held open pending the submission of additional information subject to the conditional approval of the cross removal.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Permit: 321-25 S. Clinton Street. Robb Bidwell (owner) and William Walton (Walton Architectural Group) presented the application, which calls for introducing a new entrance into the building on the alley (south) side of the property. A short brick stair with metal pipe railings will lead to the entrance. An existing window opening will be expanded for the new doorway. A new sign will be installed on an existing awning on the main (Clinton St) façade. The Board reviewed the application and agreed to recommend approval as submitted.

Sign Waiver: 325-27 W. Fayette Street. The SLPB reviewed the application materials, which call for the installation of a large projecting sign above the sign band on the Fayette Street side of the property. The Sign Waiver is necessary because the business has no street frontage; the entrance to the business is located on the east façade of the building. The Board recommended approval of the application with the following recommended modifications: In order to lessen the overall scale of the sign, the sign should be lowered so that the bottom of the bracket meets the top of the signband. In addition, the chains from which the sign hangs should be shortened so that the sign is close and tight to the horizontal bar of the bracket, but can still swing.

DISCUSSION

National Register nomination review: West Knitting Company (700 Emerson Avenue). The Board reviewed the nomination and discussed the knitting mill nomination. It agreed that the property appears to meet the eligibility criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Staff will write a letter on behalf of the Board to SHPO recommending that the property be listed in the State and National Registers.

National Register nomination review: New York State Barge Canal Historic District. K. Auwaerter commented that this nomination was sponsored by the National Park Service. It is a multi-county nomination spanning the length of the canal. The resources identified as eligible within the City of

Syracuse include the Inner Harbor basin and the freight house. K. Auwaerter noted that the developers of the Inner Harbor plan to move the freight house, which will come before the Board for comment. The Board agreed that the nomination appears to meet the eligibility criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Staff will write a letter on behalf of the Board to SHPO recommending that the property be listed in the State and National Registers.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.