



**SYRACUSE  
LANDMARK  
PRESERVATION  
BOARD**

**Landmark Preservation Board  
Thursday, May 23, 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: Tom Cantwell, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke

Excused: Andrew Besemer, Cynthia Carter, Jeff Romano, Joe Saya

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

D. Leary made a motion to accept the minutes of May 2, 2013, which was seconded by B. Haley. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*No Old Business*

**NEW BUSINESS**

CA-13-05 233 Dewitt Street. Rick Lesser (Rick Lesser Contractor, Inc.) presented the revised application for the reconstruction of the deteriorated chimney on the north façade of 233 Dewitt Street. The revised scope of work called for rebuilding the chimney in masonry units to match the scale and design of the original chimney. It will be coated in stucco that will match color, tooling, and texture as closely as possible to the existing stucco on the house. J. Marshall made a motion to approve the application as submitted on the condition that a stucco sample is provided for staff review. The motion was seconded by D. Leary and approved unanimously.

CA-13-06 113 Dorset Road. Douglas and Elaine Wolf (owners) presented an application that included the following: repainting the house using the same color palette as the existing; replacing the City sidewalk with a new concrete sidewalk with a broom finish, matching the material and configuration of the existing; replacing the asphalt driveway with a concrete driveway with a broom finish, to match the configuration and dimensions of the existing; removing a portion of unused, concrete walkway between the edge of the house and the City sidewalk and replacing a portion of the walkway with a drywell with gravel fill and seeded topsoil; and installing a 2-inch thick, concrete apron over existing walkway along the east side of house to direct runoff away from the foundation of the house. After discussion, J. Marshall made a motion to accept the application as submitted, which was seconded by T. Cantwell. The motion was approved unanimously.

CA-13-07 514 Dewitt Street. Ian Rennie (owner) presented his application to install sections of new picket-style fencing to enclose the rear yard of his property. The fencing is cedar with a flat, top rail. D. Leary made a motion to approve the application as submitted, which was seconded by J. Marshall. The motion carried unanimously.

CA-12-11 (Modification) 105 Sedgwick Drive. John Vigliotti (owner) presented a modification to his original application to install a pool and fencing in the rear yard of his property. The modification involves

the location of the pool fencing. Instead of providing an enclosure around the pool itself, the revised scope of work calls for the installation of a 54" tall, black aluminum, pool-enclosure fence on the west side of the pool that will extend to the corner of the back porch of the house (but will not be connected to the porch), and down the line of the driveway to connect to the corner of the garage. The fence will feature plain square pickets and a flat top rail. The enclosure will include two black aluminum gates in the same style as the fence. J. Marshall made a motion to approve the modification as submitted, which was seconded by T. Cantwell. The motion was approved unanimously. J. Vigliotti also requested guidance regarding the design of the pool house. Although the Board could not make definitive recommendations regarding the size of the pool house, B. Haley recommended that the design be simple and follow the general aesthetic language of the house.

CA-13-09 105 Sedgwick Drive. J. Vigliotti (owner) presented an application that included the installation of a retaining wall, 68'-long, located along the eastern property line in the rear yard. At its northernmost point, the wall will be 30" high, gradually decreasing in height to a single course at its southern most point. The application called for fabricated stone units. After discussion with the Board regarding historically appropriate building materials, J. Vigliotti agreed to modify the application changing the material of the wall from the manufactured stone to natural stone.

In addition, the application included removing damaged, wooden overhead doors on the garage located at the rear of the property and installing new black metal, multi-paneled overhead doors. The garage will be painted white with black trim to match the house.

D. Leary made a motion to approve the application with the modification for a dry stack, natural stone retaining wall. J. Marshall made a motion to approve the application as modified, which was approved unanimously.

CA-13-10 201 Berkeley Drive. James Kerven (applicant) presented the application for work on a garage addition at the rear of the house. D. Radke noted for the Board that the project was subject to a Stop Work Order and that the work was substantially completed without a Certificate of Appropriateness or Building Permit. J. Kerven noted that the garage roof had collapsed after heavy rains last fall and that the owner's insurance company had refused to insure the house until the hazard was repaired or removed. The Board reviewed the application which included reconstruction of the garage roof and deck; installation of a pressure-treated wood, open railing around the perimeter of the deck, to be painted brown to match the color of the house; installation of new metal railings adjacent to the rear steps that would be attached to the garage wall; installation of a metal, paneled overhead door to match the color and design of the overhead door of the adjacent, original garage (located underneath the rear of the house). J. Marshall made a motion to approve the application as submitted, which was seconded by B. Haley. In discussion, D. Radke requested that it be noted in the resolution that the work was done without a Certificate of Appropriateness. He also noted that under normal circumstances pressure-treated wood railings would not be acceptable. B. Haley and J. Marshall also noted that there appeared to be Building Code-related issues regarding the railing that would have to be addressed with the Division of Code Enforcement. The motion was passed unanimously.

Sign Waiver (modification): 208 W. Washington Street. The Board reviewed the materials provided and determined that the proposed red banding with Key Bank insignia would have a negative impact on the visual character of the historic building. The Board did not recommend approval of the proposed additional signage.

Sign Waiver (modification): 214-18 S. Warren Street. The Board reviewed the options presented which included either the installation of LED/neon lighting that would wrap the second-story façade of the Merchants Building (Option 1), or the installation of blue, LED/neon lighting at the E. Fayette St/ S. Warren St. corner bays only (Option 2). The Board recommended approval of Option 2 because the

addition of lighting at the corner would have no effect on the architectural character of the historic Snow Building.

**ADJOURN**

J. Marshall made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by B. Haley. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.