



**Landmark Preservation Board  
Thursday, May 7, 2015**

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, Cynthia Carter, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Don Radke, Jeff Romano, Joe Saya

Excused: Julia Marshall

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 16, 2015 were approved unanimously as submitted on the motion of C. Carter, which was seconded by J. Romano.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Project Site Review: 210-12 Herald Place (Herald Commons). The applicant was not present. The Board agreed to table the application for one additional meeting.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

CA-15-04 116 W Jefferson Street (Landmark Theatre). K. Auwaerter presented the application on behalf of the owner/applicant. The scope of work included signage applied as decals to windows of a commercial space on the Jefferson Street side of the property. The decals will be placed in windows to either side of the entrance. Two other entrance doors to the commercial space will be abandoned (hardware removed). B. Haley made a motion to approve the application as submitted. D. Leary seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ZONING REFERRALS**

Project Site Review: 100-08 Onondaga St E (Hotel Syracuse). In a continuation of the Project Site Review discussion from the previous meeting, Edward Riley (owner) and James Williams (Holmes King Kallquist) discussed the signage plan (dated 4/20/15) for the Hotel Syracuse with the Board. The existing billboard structure on the rooftop of the Hotel Syracuse will be reused with the new logo "Marriott Syracuse". It will be illuminated. The Board also reviewed the four marquee signs as well as other proposed projecting and wall signage. J. Williams noted that four flag poles are proposed for the reconstructed Onondaga Street entrance. The original poles were removed when the pedestrian bridge was installed. The new ones will match the existing poles on the Warren and Warren/Onondaga Street facades of the building. The Board agreed to recommend approval of the Project Site Review application as submitted.

Project Site Review (modification): 200-218 W Water Street. Wayne LaFrance (Lake Architectural) presented a preliminary proposal for a different facing material for the addition to the Amos Building. He noted that in the previous design, he had attempted to create a transparent "lantern" effect through the use of glass, but could not achieve the desired transparency because of the amount of spandrel glass required. The revised facing material is a Dryvit product with a smooth, stone-like appearance. He proposed a color

scheme of three different colors to create a tartan pattern. The Board discussed the material, including possible alternatives such as metal. D. Leary commented that you could not achieve a smooth appearance with metal panels because of the joints in the panels. The Board recommended that the applicant consider two colors rather than three and that the lightest color be eliminated. B. Haley stated that the “box” should be subdued in color so that it does not jump out in contrast to the adjoining historic Amos Block. The Board requested to see samples of the proposed Dryvit material and a new rendering with the revised color scheme.

### **DISCUSSION**

SEQRA: Lead Agency requests for 203/207-23 E Water Street (Grange Building Addition) and 200-218 W Water Street (Amos Building Addition). The Board agreed that the Planning Commission should be the Lead Agency for both Grange Building Addition and the Amos Building Addition projects.

Topics for training (2015). K. Auwaerter stated that she would like to arrange a couple training sessions for the Board. She noted that some of the training might include Planning Commission members. One possible topic is a tutorial on reading site plans and architectural drawings, which would be a helpful primer/refresher for the non-designers on the both the Board and the Commission. D. Radke also stated that he would like to continue the discussion of the use of modern materials in historic districts. The Board agreed that the best meeting times would be after regularly scheduled Board meetings.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.