



**SYRACUSE
LANDMARK
PRESERVATION
BOARD**

**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, June 16, 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: Tom Cantwell, Cynthia Carter, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Don Radke, Joe Saya

Excused: Jeff Romano, Julia Marshall

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 2, 2016 were approved on the motion of C. Carter, which was seconded by D. Leary, with the following corrections:

OLD BUSINESS

CA-16-12 408 Sedgwick Drive. Issues include extensive rusting, broken hinges and other hardware, and warped and broken frames *resulting in windows that cannot be closed.*

In discussion, the Board determined that it did not have sufficient information to make a determination. It noted its concern that the proposed slider windows would not match the appearance of the original *casement* windows.

OLD BUSINESS

CA-16-12 408 Sedgwick Drive. Spencer Rhoads (Solvay Glass) was present to discuss the application. He presented hand-drawn section drawings of how the proposed glider window fit into the window opening as compared to an original casement window. He noted that the proposed Renewal by Andersen windows would have the same installation inset as the existing windows; the only difference would be that the new windows will be 1/4" thicker overall because of the double-pane glass. He also informed the Board that the gliders that will replace the large triple casement windows with upper transoms will have a wide applied muntin bar to give the appearance of the transom.

The Board discussed the additional information. D. Leary and B. Haley stated that the drawing provided was insufficient and did not provide detail sufficient to indicate how the new windows would be installed within the existing openings. The installation detail is critical to understanding the visual impact of the new windows and they requested the manufacturer's construction/installation detail for the windows. T. Cantwell stated that the switch from casements to glider windows was significant. C. Carter stated that she was satisfied that the thicker muntin bar (simulating the transom) would provide an acceptable exterior appearance for the larger casements with transoms. J. Saya stated that he shared other Board members' concerns regarding the switch to glider type windows. D. Leary stated he had great concern regarding the proposed glider replacements and noted that the proposed exterior screens on the gliders would have a significant visual impact. He questioned again whether or not the applicant had sought other products. S. Rhoads reiterated that the proposed gliders were both a cost effective and aesthetically acceptable alternative. After further discussion, D. Leary moved to table the application until the applicant could provide the dimensional drawings for the installation of the windows. The motion was seconded by C. Carter and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Referrals

Project Plan Review: 100 University Place (Archbold Gymnasium). Jennifer Bybee (Syracuse University) provided an overview of the proposed renovations for the Archbold Gymnasium. She explained that the original gymnasium was constructed in 1908. The building burned in 1947 and was rebuilt in 1948. Two additions were added to the building in 1952. The building is a non-contributing structure within the Syracuse University-Comstock Tract Historic District. The current renovation will accommodate the consolidation of the University's health and wellness services into a single building. In the process, the building will be made fully handicap accessible. The building will be given a more contemporary appearance with new metal wall paneling system on the upper stories and cast stone facing on the ground floor. The plans also call for a partial restoration of the north façade of the building, which dates to 1908. After discussion, the Board agreed to recommend approval of the application with a comment about the proposed north façade restoration. The Board recommended that the applicant substitute brick for cast stone on the clerestory behind the new pediment. The Board noted that a brick face would more accurately reflect the original appearance of the original 1908 façade and would also help accentuate the new cast stone pediment.

Project Site Review: 740-46 Erie Blvd East (U-Haul Building). The Board reviewed the application materials for the proposed renovations to the exterior of 740-46 Erie Blvd East, which is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. After discussion, the Board recommended that the application be denied. The Board commented that the proposed signage and "facility imaging" -- which includes large banners (west façade), metal banding between the second and third stories (north and east facades) and on the top story (west façade), and diamond patterned gold paint on the top story (east, north and west facades) and first story (south façade) -- is excessive and detracts significantly from the historic character of the property.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.