



**SYRACUSE  
LANDMARK  
PRESERVATION  
BOARD**

**Landmark Preservation Board  
Thursday, June 4, 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 May 21, 2015 were approved unanimously as submitted on the motion of B. Haley, which was seconded by C. Carter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*No Old Business*

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

CA 15-06: 107 Circle Road. Douglas Johnston (owner/applicant) presented an application for the removal of the modern, fixed, single-pane picture window on the north elevation of the house and the installation of two, double-hung windows into the opening. The paired windows will match the fenestration pattern of the rest of the house. The existing trim will be retained. The application included two alternatives: 6-over-6 double hung, or 6-over-9 double-hung sash, both with exterior applied muntins. The Board discussed both alternatives and agreed that the 6-over-9 configuration was the better match for the dimensions and proportions of the original windows. The application also called for exterior aluminum cladding on the new windows. The Board noted that painted, full-wood windows were more appropriate to the historic character of the house. The applicant agreed to modify the application. B. Haley made a motion to approve the application with the following conditions: the windows will have a 6-over-9 configuration and will be painted, full-wood.

**ZONING REFERRALS**

Special Permit: 212-214 Walton Street. The Board reviewed the application materials and images, which included a request to approve an existing window sign and ground sign. The Board noted that the most common and historically appropriate location for signage in the Armory Square Historic District is above storefronts in the sign band area or as projecting signs. It recommended that the applicant remove the window sign and install new signage as a wall sign in the sign band area or as a new projecting sign. The Board had no objection to the ground sign.

Resubdivision: 122, 124, 126 Wayne Street. The Board reviewed the Resubdivision application for 122, 124, and 126 Wayne Street. K. Auwaerter explained that this block of Wayne Street is an area that has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as part of proposed expansion of the Hawley Green Historic District. The Board discussed the building pattern and spatial characteristics of the neighborhood, specifically its narrow lots, regular setbacks and minimal sideyards. The Board agreed that the

proposed resubdivision of three lots into two would alter the density of the block. However, Board members also recognized that the parcel at 124 Wayne Street is vacant and because of the width of the lot would be unlikely to be redeveloped. It also acknowledged that providing extra side yard/garden space to 122 and 126 Wayne Street would add value to both of the properties.

The Board agreed to make the following comment: The SLPB generally does not recommend changes that alter the spatial qualities that characterize a historic property or a historic district and that the proposed combination of three lots into two will alter irreversibly the character of the 100 block of Wayne Street. However, given the narrowness of the lots at 124 Wayne Street, the unlikelihood of its redevelopment, and the possible advantage to the neighboring parcels, the Board did not oppose this particular resubdivision application. Nonetheless, the SLPB wished to caution the City against the cumulative, damaging effect that demolition/resubdivision has on the character of this and other historic neighborhoods throughout the community.

### **DISCUSSION**

Thornden Park: Lily Pond benches project. Lyn Simmer (Thornden Park Association) and Glen Lewis (Parks Department) were present at the meeting. L. Simmer described the project to remove the tan-colored brick footpads at the base of the two curving benches located in the upper Lily Pond area of the park. New pads will be installed, following the curve of the stone benches and will be larger than the existing footpads (2'-8" x 6'-3"). The concrete bases to the benches will be cut back as far as possible to provide a neater appearance and new brick will be laid in a running bond pattern bordered by a soldier course. The new brick will match as closely as possible the color of the red brick found in the park's walking paths. Some of the bricks will be inscribed with the names of people (contemporary and historical) who have played a role in the park's history.

The Board noted that the current footpads (and possibly the benches themselves) appeared to be later additions to the Lily Pond area. D. Leary suggested that the soldier course might be too visually "busy" in such a small area. L. Simmer said that the design of the footpads was reflective of the brick pathways in the park, which feature a running bond/soldier course pattern. The Board was supportive of the scope of the project, but requested that L. Simmer submit images to staff in order to verify the brick design of the footpaths.

State Tower Building discussion. The potential applicants were not present. The Board tabled the discussion.

Window Repair and Replacement Policy and Procedures. The Board reviewed the revised window repair and replacement policy and procedures and provided final comments, which staff will incorporate into the document.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.