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LANDMARK
PRESERVATION
BOARD*

**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, January 7, 2010**

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Meeting Minutes

8:30 am Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Don Radke called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Louise Birkhead, Tim Bonaparte, Kelly Colabello, Fouad Dietz, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, Jeff Roman

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. Dietz moved to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting with revisions, which was seconded by J. Marshall and approved unanimously. The revisions include:

OLD BUSINESS

CA-09-37 Assumption Church. Father John Ruffo and ~~architect~~ contractor Mathew Irish presented to the Board the plans to install two wheelchair accessible bathrooms in a room off the narthex of the church. The plans also call for the installation of a ~~ramp and~~ platform over the existing steps. As proposed, the ~~ramp~~ platform would include marble and tile materials to provide a unified appearance with the historic materials in the narthex. F. Hussein Dietz recommended and the Board concurred that the church consider a simpler ~~ramp~~ platform made of wood (white oak), stained to match the existing woodwork that was well designed and attractive, but clearly a modern addition that could be removed if necessary at a later date. The applicant agreed to consider this option. The Board also discussed whether or not the proposed design met ADA requirements. The location of a handrail on the ~~ramp~~ platform was also discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Site Review: 1433 E. Genesee Street. The proposed project will introduce new Pella Impervia single ~~clad~~ hung windows.

Project Site Review: 1540 E. Genesee Street. The Board noted that the existing ~~vinyl~~ Marvin clad windows are already energy efficient and questioned whether the proposed windows would achieve the net gain in energy efficiency desired.

OLD BUSINESS

CA-09-35 703 Walnut Avenue. The applicant was not present and no additional information had been received. The Board agreed to hold the application open.

CA-09-37 Assumption Church. The applicant was not present and no additional information had been received. The Board agreed to hold the application open.

Special Permit 215 Walton Street. K. Auwaerter referred the Board to the materials list and drawing that the applicant had provided for the proposed addition on the rear of the property. The Board agreed to recommend approval of the application with the recommendation that instead of vinyl siding, the applicant consider a material such as cement board, concrete block, wood or brick as more historically appropriate and durable materials than the proposed vinyl.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Waiver: 325-27 W. Fayette Street. The Board reviewed the application for the proposed bracket sign to be attached at the site of a previous sign. It agreed that the sign appeared to be appropriate for the storefront. The comment was made that the sign appeared large and the Board recommended that the sign be no wider than 30-32" across.

Sign Waiver: 201 S. Salina Street. *The White Memorial Building is listed on the National Register.* K. Auwaerter noted that the applicant was seeking a sign waiver for signs already installed, including the signs on the large entrance canopy and in the wall-mounted case on the corner of the building. The waiver request was for both the number of signs and signage area. K. Auwaerter noted that the applicant appeared to be reusing the canopy erected by the previous restaurant. However, B. Haley requested that that be confirmed since he believed he saw a new framework being installed. D. Leary questioned whether the canopy was encroaching on the right-of-way and whether the applicant had received approval for the encroachment. In addition, the Board questioned whether the logo text exceeded the permissible size requirements. The Board agreed to hold the application while K. Auwaerter contacts Zoning regarding the encroachment, and the number of signs and area allowable.

DISCUSSION

Upcoming training sessions. D. Radke requested suggestions from the Board regarding new topics for short training sessions that will continue in the New Year. Landscaping and lighting were two training topics suggested. K. Auwaerter will remind Board members to send in their suggestions for sessions so that the next training can be arranged with the appropriate presenters.

Meeting with Mayor Miner. D. Radke reported that he would be meeting with Mayor Miner on January 8 to update her on the LPB and the outstanding issues, such the Ordinance revisions, enforcement, the Ronald McDonald House, etc.

ADJOURN

F. Dietz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by J. Marshall. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.