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BOARD*

Thursday, October 7, 2010

Meeting Minutes

8:30 am Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Don Radke called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Fouad Dietz, Bob Haley, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, and Jeff Romano

Excused: Louise Birkhead Kelly Colabello Tim Bonaparte, Dan Leary

Staff: Katelyn Wright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. Dietz made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by J. Marshall. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

CA-10-18: 1666 James Street. The board continued to hold this application open.

Project Site Review: 401 S. Clinton Street. James Knittel (Dal Pos Architects) presented the project to renovate the former Shoppers parking garage in Armory Square. He noted that the owners wished to make the garage more obvious and noticeable with the new cornice and signage. He also noted that the plans were not finalized, especially in regard to the window treatment in the tower and that the final drawings would need to be resubmitted. F. Dietz and B. Haley commented that the proposed cornice was not appropriate and recommended that the architects consider a more modern interpretation that was in keeping with the simple, modern lines of the existing brick tower. The board also recommended that the applicant design the new building signage to comply with the existing sign ordinance regulations regarding size/area and number.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Site Review: 740-42 N. Salina Street. Randy Crawford (Crawford & Stearns) presented the proposed façade renovation. The SHPO had not provided any comments at the time of the meeting. The project involves repairing the storefront cornice, repointing masonry, the installation of a new storefront entry and sidelights, removal of 4" step to be replaced by sloping concrete pad to allow for easier access, and painting. The scopes showed two possible color schemes as well as the option to install awnings. B. Haley questioned the proposed location of the awnings: in the drawings it appeared the awning would be placed at the storefront cornice level. He recommended that the awnings be moved down to fit within the window openings and below the cornice level. R. Crawford didn't believe this would be possible given the height of the cornice. The board recommended approval of the application as submitted with the omission of the awnings, if it was not possible to lower them to below the cornice height.

Project Site Review: 807-13 N. Salina Street. Bob Abbott (architect) presented the proposed façade renovation project, which includes the installation of a new "traditional" storefront, new upper story windows (aluminum clad, single-hung windows) to match the existing openings, repair of window hoods and sills, brick cleaning and repointing, cornice repair. The project has received a "no adverse impact"

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finding from SHPO. The board commended the architect and owner for their efforts and recommended approval of the project as submitted.

Project Site Review (modification): 601 S. Crouse Avenue. Ed Harrington (architect) presented the modification, which includes a 1-story addition to the rear of the property adjoining the new stair tower. The board discussed the project and its history. The board recommended approval of the proposed modification as submitted. B. Haley requested further information on the join pattern of the EIFS on the staintower and new bathroom addition, which E. Harrington said he would provide.

Resubdivision: 930 James Street/930 James Street. The board reviewed the proposed resubdivision and determined that it had no comment.

DISCUSSION

Thorndon Park Amphitheater Shakespeare Garden. Amy Zamkoff (Syracuse Shakespeare Festival), Cheryl Doble (SUNY ESF) and Pat Driscoll (Parks) presented the planting proposal for the amphitheater at Thorndon Park. C. Doble led students through an analysis of the site and they developed a 5-year implementation plan for the eastern and western entrances that started with bulb planting to begin this fall followed by grasses and perennials and finally with shrub plantings. P. Driscoll commented that the maintenance plan was especially helpful to the parks department. A. Zamkoff reported that she had spoken with the Thorndon Park Association about the proposed plans. C. Doble noted that the site was challenging, especially the drainage issues and was interested in leading a studio to address the drainage of the site. B. Haley noted that this would be a great opportunity to consider and prioritize the repair and maintenance of the stone and brickwork on the site. The board commended the collaborative nature of the proposal and recommended its approval as submitted.

City Parks: designation status. K. Wright noted that the city has a number of reports regarding the city-owned parks, including a highly-regarded Multiple Properties Document for the city's historic landscapes. The MPD includes criteria for evaluating the integrity of landscapes. D. Radke requested that staff follow up with its recommendations regarding the parks identified as retaining sufficient integrity to be locally designated and present the information to the board in December or January.

Holy Trinity: Hiscock & Barclay letter. D. Radke noted that the board had all received letters from the law firm representing the Catholic Diocese. All correspondence will be transmitted through Corporation Counsel. In regard to interior designations, he noted that the Diocese was asking for clarification regarding what features of the interior of Holy Trinity are designated.

423-425 N. Salina Street. R. Crawford presented preliminary plans for the second phase of the façade improvement project. The Project Site Review application will come before the LPB at its next meeting. The LPB had no specific concerns based on what had been presented.

ADJOURN

F. Dietz made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by J. Romano. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.