



**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, October 6, 2011**

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: Louise Birkhead, Tim Bonaparte, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, Jeff Romano, Joe Saya

Excused:

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

L. Birkhead made a motion to accept the minutes of September 15, 2011, which was seconded by J. Romano. The minutes were approved with the following revisions:

NEW BUSINESS

CA-11-29 530 Oak Street. Applicant Richard Caruso presented an application to install a wooden overhead door on the south façade of the carriage house facing his property. He shares the carriage barn with two other properties on Highland ~~Street~~ Avenue.

Screening Device Waiver: 206 Sabine Street/105 + 107 Davis Street. Finally, ~~the~~ J. Romano noted that the application included a 12-foot and a 4-foot gate on the Davis Street side, which would seem to indicate that the applicants are seeking automobile access from Davis Street. The board agreed that this should also be noted in the memo to the Zoning Department.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

CA-11-31 308 Farmer Street. Martin McDermott, the applicant, presented plans for the new rear breezeway/mud room, noting that as a result of the board's comments, the design of the addition was stepped back from the existing ell and it also features a low sloped roof to be in keeping with the house. The addition will be wood clapboard sided to match existing and will feature a wood paneled door. New wood sash windows will be replace the vinyl sliders on the rear ell. D. Leary cautioned that the intersection between the new breezeway and the ell might create a pocket that collects snow and ice. He recommended flashing be installed to extend up both sides of the intersection with the breezeway. D. Leary made a motion to approve the application as submitted, which was seconded by L. Birkhead. The motion was approved unanimously.

CA-11-33 501 Park Street/Holy Trinity Church. Sam Rotondo presented the application to remove a modern stained glass window from the 1997 addition to the church. He noted that his family had made the donation of the window to the church in honor of his deceased brother. The window was part of his brother's estate and was not made specifically for the new addition. The family had a frame made so that the window would fit into the opening behind an existing plate glass window (still in place). It is a 44" x 98" window by John LeFarge depicting St. Michael the Archangel. The applicant explained that his

family was concerned about the safety and future of the window now that the church is closed and for sale. The Diocese had indicated that it approved the removal and the application was signed by Father Warner, the parish priest. D. Radke noted that correspondence had been received from Anna Gianantonio and Anne Angiolillo, former parishioners, in opposition to the removal of the window.

The board discussed the age of the window and the specifics of the local Protected Site designation. It was noted that the window was not designed for the church and also that the other windows in the addition were clear glass. The applicant confirmed that the family wished to place the window in a new location that would be viewable to the public. D. Radke stated that if the board approved the application, it should be clearly stated that such a decision would not set a precedent for the removal of contributing historic fabric and features of the church.

After further discussion, B. Haley made a motion to approve the application based on the fact that the window in question was a modern window, not part of the original construction of the church, and is located in a modern addition and thus is a non-contributing feature of the historic church structure. This motion was seconded by L. Birkehead. In discussion, D. Leary made a motion to amend the original motion to include a statement that the window should be redisplayed in a place that it can be viewed by the public. J. Romano seconded the amendment. The amended motion passed unanimously.

CA-11-32 326 Farmer Street. K. Auwaerter presented the application to the board. The applicants wished to change the color of their shutters and doors from a burgundy to black. She noted that the color of the trim and main body of the house would remain the same. B. Haley made a motion to approve the application as submitted which was seconded by J. Romano. The motion was approved unanimously.

Special Permit: 321-25 S. Clinton Street . Chad Clark was present to discuss the Special Permit application. Following up on the board's questions from the September 15 meeting, he reported that the neighboring garage sign would be high enough that it would not obstruct the new Clark's Ale House sign. The applicants had also decided to keep the split font design at the corner of the building rather than introducing a curved design. After some discussion, the board noted that the drawings and photo images did not coincide; each had a slightly different height for the sign. The applicants confirmed that the words "Ale House" would be aligned so that they met the center of the panel over the windows. B. Haley noted that at this height the sign would obstruct the view of the cornice from the sidewalk. T. Bonaparte was concerned that the sign was not appropriate for the district, but J. Marshall noted that the sign was in a similar style as had been approved for the neighboring garage. After further discussion of the sign, new side doors and step railings, the board agreed to recommend approval the application as submitted, clarifying that the sign would be located so that words "Ale House" would align with the center of the panel over the first story windows on the front façade. The board requested that the sign not be over illuminated and suggested that the applicants make sure that they can control the light levels on the sign. Finally, the board also suggested that the applicant give consideration to the design and height of the sign so that it does not overwhelm the cornice from the sidewalk.

Project Site Review: 401-07 S. Salina Street. The board reviewed the application to install a new entrance on the E. Fayette Street side of the building, giving access to new offices. The board recommended approval of the application with the recommendation that the new entrance match materials and color of the adjacent openings.

DISCUSSION

South Presbyterian Church: Revision to scope for window treatment. K. Auwaerter reported that Richard Marcello wished to change the scope of work for the window replacement project, specifically instead of hand glazing (puttying) the window frames, which is a traditional method, he would like to use a modern

compound and mechanical method of applying the putty. She shared an email she had received from Tony Serviente describing the difference in the puttying techniques. After discussion, the board agreed that since this project was not a restoration project that the glazing method proposed was acceptable and it would recommend approval of the revised scope to the Planning Commission.

Historic Properties List: Update. K. Auwaerter presented the revised Historic Properties List to the board, noting that it had been updated based on the survey done in 2009 by Katelyn Wright and the Cornell University students. J. Marshall recommended sending a link to the Greater Syracuse Association of Realtors. D. Radke suggested sending the link as well as a hard copy of the list to the realtors association with an explanation of the purpose of the list. The board accepted the list as presented with the understanding that it is a base list only and that staff would continue to update the list and make it available on line. K. Auwaerter indicated that the accepted list would be given to the City Clerk's office to put on file.

ADJOURN

J. Marshall made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by L. Birkhead. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.