



**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, April 21, 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, Fouad Dietz, Bob Haley, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, Jeff Romano

Excused: Tim Bonaparte, Dan Leary

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. Dietz made a motion to accept the minutes of April 7, 2011, which was seconded by B. Haley. The minutes were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Site Review: 1055 E Genesee Street. Ed Harrington and Norm Swanson presented the demolition application for the truck garage and the revised elevations for the new construction on the armory site. D. Radke referred to a letter from the OGS regarding the SEQRA determination made at the time of the transfer of the property. According to the letter, the SHPO had determined that the truck garage, although contemporary to the armory, was considered non-contributing feature of the armory complex. J. Marshall made a motion to approve the demolition the truck garage and the single story east addition to the armory as non-contributing features of the armory complex. The motion was seconded by Louise Birkhead and approved unanimously.

In regard to the renovations to the armory building, E. Harrington noted that the windows in the drill hall would be cut lower and higher to accommodate the new residential units. The width would remain the same. The bars will be removed in a way that does not damage the masonry and the owner is considering ways to reuse the bars. After demolition of the single-story addition on the east façade new brick infill will be installed to match the existing.

For the new construction, E. Harrington noted that the corner block of the building will have a flat roof and a new color scheme to set it off from the remainder of the building. B. Haley recommended that they consider installing a cornice at the corner to help define it further. E. Harrington also referred the board to the landscaping plan.

The board agreed that it could recommend the proposed plans for approval upon the submittal of photographs of the existing drill hall windows; drawings of the proposed new window openings including the details of the sill treatment and spandrel panels; and details of the cornice treatment of the corner block of the new construction. The board also requested photographic documentation of the truck garage prior to demolition.

D. Radke commented that N. Swanson had agreed that after the construction of the project was complete that he would consider designating the armory a Local Protected Site.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Permit/Sign Waiver: 415-17 S. Clinton Street. K. Auwaerter reported that although the board had reviewed the sign waiver application before, this was a new application and Zoning wanted the board's official opinion. The board agreed that its primary concern was how and where the sign would be attached to the building. The board recommended that the sign be attached to a pier, not directly over the entrance. J. Marshall noted in particular that the location and method of attaching the sign was important given the structural deficiencies of the building.

DISCUSSION

South Presbyterian Church Windows. K. Auwaerter reported that Tony Serviente of Serviente Glass in Ithaca had contacted her about South Presbyterian Church. He is working with the former owner of the church to resolve the replacement window issue and had provided a color drawing of the type of window replacement that he and the owner were proposing. The board agreed that the drawings replicated a simplified version of the original design seemed to be within the spirit of what the board had requested. K. Auwaerter will be working with T. Serviente to set up a site visit to the church shortly and will contact the board with a proposed date and time.

Dunkin' Donuts on North Salina Street. Robert Abbott, architect for the proposed Dunkin' Donuts within the North Salina Street Historic District, has requested a meeting with board members to discuss the redesign of the new building. D. Radke noted that the LPB had made its formal comment on the Special Permit application and that this was an informal follow-up discussion. J. Marshall, B. Haley and D. Radke said they would attend the meeting.

ADJOURN

L. Birkhead made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by J. Romano. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.