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BOARD*

**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, May 20, 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: Louise Birkhead, Tim Bonaparte, Kelly Colabello, Fouad Dietz, Bob Haley, Don Radke, Jeff Romano

Excused: Dan Leary, Julia Marshall

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. Dietz made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by L. Birkhead and approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Site Review: 447 E. Fayette Street (CNY Philanthropy Center/former University Club)

Paul Fritz presented a revised landscape plan for the entrance. He noted that B. Haley and he had met to discuss the board's comments from the previous meeting. The revised landscape plan includes the addition of two new trees for a total of four trees that will be planted in a grid pattern to align with the street, which will help to maintain the street front, and reflect the geometric form of the new addition and the formality of the park. The curvilinear path and plaza from the original design are retained in the redesign. In addition, P. Fritz noted that brick piers next to the parking lot along with the iron railing would be retained which also helps to hold the corner of the lot. The board thanked the applicants for their efforts and agreed to recommend the redesigned entrance area for approval.

Project Site Review: 325 S. Salina Street (Syracuse Trust Building). There were no new updates on this project and the board agreed to hold the application. F. Dietz noted that when the applicants return they should bring updated plans. If the board does not have the documentation at the time of the board meeting, the board will not be able to move the project forward. D. Radke also requested that K. Auwaerter notify the SHPO's office that the LPB has never approved vinyl windows as proposed by the applicant.

Project Site Review: 219 Walton Street (Urban Outfitters). K. Auwaerter noted that a new panel of the multi-colored film had been installed at 219 Walton Street in response to the board's recommendation that the reflectivity of the previously proposed film be reduced. The most reflective film will be eliminated. The board agreed to recommend approval of the new film design.

NEW BUSINESS

CA-10-11 527 Oak Street. The applicant was not present. The application is for a demolition of a modern cinder block garage/storage shed. F. Dietz noted that the applicant should be reminded that any new construction should come before the board. F. Dietz made a motion to accept the application as submitted, which was seconded by T. Bonaparte and approved unanimously.

CA-10-12 119 Dorset Road. The applicant was not present. The application is for minor porch repair, including the replacement of the porch flooring in-kind and replacement of the skirting, which would be replaced with a vertical 1x4 slat skirting to match the skirting at the front of the house. F. Dietz noted that the existing step railing (not part of the application) appeared to be pressure treated lumber and was incompatible with the original porch. He recommended that the applicants be reminded that any additional work on the porch would need to be approved by the board. B. Haley made a motion to approve the application as submitted. The motion was seconded by L. Birkhead and approved unanimously.

Project Site Review: 401 S. Clinton Street. The applicant was not present. The property, the former Shoppers Garage, is a non-conforming structure in the Armory Square Historic District. However, D. Radke noted that the board could comment on the impact of the work on the character of the district. The application calls for the removal of an awning and the installation of a metal roof overhang across the façade of the building. The board determined that the metal roof overhang would be inappropriate for the historic district and recommended that a new fabric awning would be more in keeping with the historic character of the district.

DISCUSSION

Administrative review/approval: K. Auwaerter that it was possible to create categories of actions that could be reviewed and approved administratively by staff. According to Corporation Counsel, a list of such actions would need to be drawn up and approved by the board as a matter of record. The board requested that K. Auwaerter develop a potential list of such actions for its review. D. Radke noted that the qualifications of the staff member were important and that the board should review the administrative/staff approval procedure upon any staff changes. K. Auwaerter noted that the purpose was to ease the board's agenda and expedite the process for certain applicants.

D Radke reported that the Syracuse Post Standard had called regarding the Ronald MacDonald House. He noted that the Common Council had made its decision and that he hoped that the property owners would now be able to move forward.

ADJOURN

F. Dietz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by L. Birkhead. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.