

Landmark Preservation Board Thursday, July 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cynthia Carter, Tom Cantwell, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, Jeff

Romano

Absent: Lisa Tonzi Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2020, which was seconded by J. Marshall. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Certificates of Appropriateness

CA-20-13 5 Brattle Road. The applicant was not present. The Board reviewed the proposed application to paint the house and garage the following colors: Benjamin Moore-*Iron Mountain* (shingles on house and trim on house and garage); Benjamin Moore-*Mountain Peak White* (stucco on house and garage); Farrow and Ball-*Yeabridge Green* (front door). D. Leary made a motion to accept the application as submitted, which was seconded by J. Romano. The motion passed unanimously.

CA-20-14 115 Hampshire Road. Ron Degraw (Great Day Improvements) spoke on behalf of the applicant. The proposal is to install a 3-season addition onto the rear of the house. He explained that the single-story enclosure would be tempered glass, framed in aluminum with a shed-roof. The Board determined that it did not have sufficient information to vote on the proposal. The Board asked the applicant to submit a plan view showing the exact location of the proposed addition and an elevation showing the addition in relation to the existing house. B. Haley also requested that the builder verify the height of the addition to confirm that the new roof would fit under the existing roof of the house as shown in the drawings. D. Leary asked for a better description of the foam-sided knee wall and suggested that clapboard siding would be more compatible. R. Degraw stated that they would compile the information prior to the next meeting on August 20.

CA-20-15 201-19 E. Genesee Street. Cristina Casseres (Kassis Superior Signs) introduced the proposal to install a new sign above a shopfront on the E. Genesee Street side of the State Tower Building. The sign will consist of individual channel letters that will be internally lit located on an aluminum raceway. She noted that this method reduced the number of holes necessary for the sign. The sides of the letters are white with an acrylic face. K. Auwaerter noted that the signage met the requirements of the sign ordinance. In discussion, B. Haley stated that he found the color of the sign's lettering was not in character with the building. He recommended that the property owners develop guidelines for tenant signage so that the tenant signage does not compete with or detract from the architecture of the building. J. Romano made

a motion to approve the application, which was seconded by J. Marshall. The motion passed on a majority vote. D. Leary and B. Haley voted to deny the application.

Zoning Referrals

Special Permit (SP-04-22 M2): 309-311 W. Fayette Street. J Knittel (In-Architects) presented the proposal for façade modifications to the former Stoop Restaurant. The modifications include incorporating a new center entrance for the downstairs restaurant while retaining the existing left-hand entrance on the front façade for the use of the upstairs tenants; replacement of the semi-circular awning over the tenant entrance with a plain, straight awning; and the removal of the third floor louver coverings over the window openings and the reintroduction of double-hung windows to match the second floor windows. J. Knittel noted that this is a rehabilitation tax credit project. In discussion, B. Haley noted the importance of matching the design and dimensions of the new windows with the existing windows. The Board recommended approval of the project as submitted.

Project Site Review (PR-20-09 M1): 437 N. Salina Street. Dan Queri (owner) reported to the Board that when the contractors removed the overlay blonde brick from the east elevation they discovered that the piers are only 16" wide, in poor condition and do not abut to the bordering buildings. For this reason, he proposed to modify the original storefront design and install a wood storefront characteristic of historic storefronts along N. Salina Street. He said that he was committed to maintaining the symmetry that the Board requested for the storefront and the second floor windows. The color of the storefront will be consistent with the rest of the building (SW7674-Peppercorn). The EIFS band between the first and second floors will be eliminated. In discussion, he also said that he would eliminate the EIFS cornice and install a plain wood cornice. The Board was very positive; however, it was noted that the drawings presented did not reflect his description. D. Queri said he would send revised drawings to K. Auwaerter.

DISCUSSION

910 Madison Street: Clarification of Boundaries of sanctuary building. As a follow-up to the discussion at the previous meeting, K. Auwaerter presented images of a drawing and aerial photograph delineating the full sanctuary space including the rear vestibule that were all part of the original 1910 construction. These boundaries are recommended by D. Radke and B. Haley to the Board as the contributing elements of the Protected Site. In discussion, it was noted that the front (west) and side (north) steps and sloping site surrounding the sanctuary to the west and north should also be considered character defining features of the site.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.