

Landmark Preservation Board Thursday, June 7, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Common Council Chambers

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Tom Cantwell, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Don Radke, Jeff Romano, Lisa Tonzi

Excused: Cynthia Carter, Julia Marshall, Joe Saya Staff: Kate Auwaerter

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B. Haley made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2018, as submitted, which was seconded by D. Leary. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

CA-18-01 1408 Park Street (St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity): Steeple repair. K. Auwaerter reported that there was no new information regarding the steeple work at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Local Protected Site

LPS Review: 1007 Madison St/519 Walnut Ave. Jim Knittel (Dalpos Architects) presented a summary of the history of the house and its current condition. He noted that the property was constructed in 1911 for Herbert Walker and designed by Ward Wellington Ward. The property was converted to rental by the 1980s. The property currently needs extensive structural and roof repairs. The owner wishes to demolish the house along with the property next door and construct a new, multi-story apartment building. He is not considering restoring the property. The Board discussed the property with J. Knittel and decided that it would call a public hearing to determine if the property should be designated a local Protected Site. The public hearing will be held before the next regularly scheduled regular meeting of the Board, which will be June 21, 2018, at 8:30AM.

#### Certificates of Appropriateness

CA-18-06 206 Berkeley Drive. The applicant was not present. K. Auwaerter presented the scope of work for the project which includes the removal of several trees located along the foundation wall at the front of the house and two in the rear of the property. The trees at the front appear to be either hemlock or cedar that were originally planted as shrubs. The trees in the rear are "volunteer, "possibly Norway maple. In addition, the scope includes the installation of fencing in the rear yard. Along the side property lines, approximately 2/3rds of the way toward the rear property line, the owner proposes to remove deteriorated wire fencing and install black chain-link fencing, 5' tall. The owner proposes to install 4'-tall, black, metal, ornamental fencing and a gate along the top of the lower terrace of the rear yard. The Board reviewed the application materials. J. Romano made a motion to approve the application as submitted. L. Tonzi seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CA-18-07 223 Brattle Road. Adam Parente presented his application for the demolition of a two-bay, shingle-sided garage at the rear of his property and the construction of a three-bay, shingle-sided garage. A. Parente had

discussed the new construction with the Board on two separate occasions. The Board was appreciative of his efforts to incorporate their comments into the design of the garage. A. Parente confirmed that the new garage doors would be plain overhead doors with a row of square lights, matching the original garage doors. The Board requested to see a sample of the proposed shingle siding, which is described by the manufacturer as an "engineered wood".

A. Parente also presented the plan to remove the concrete walkway at the front of the house and replace it with concrete pavers. This would be done in coordination with the removal and replacement of the front steps and stoop using the same pavers. The Board expressed concern about the use of concrete pavers instead of real brick, stone or a new poured concrete walkway. The Board suggested that repair of the steps and stoop might be possible and more appropriate. D. Radke suggested that a subcommittee go to the property to review the stoop, walkway and the materials for the garage so that the Board could come to a decision.

CA-18-08 311 Berkeley Drive. The applicant was not present. K. Auwaerter shared the paint color (Benjamin Moore "Montgomery White" HC-33) proposed for all the wood trim and wooden porches on the red brick house. She noted that the shutters would not be repainted as part of this project. L. Tonzi made a motion to approve the application as submitted, which was seconded by J. Romano. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Zoning Referrals**

Special Permit (SP-10-13M5) 401 S. Clinton Street. John Vigliotti (owner) presented plans to locate a roof-top lounge on top of the Shoppers Garage. The garage is a non-contributing structure in the Armory Square Historic District. The Board had no comment and recommended approval as submitted.

### **DISCUSSION**

Walnut Park Sidewalk project: K. Auwaerter presented information regarding a proposed project by Syracuse University to construct sidewalks along the periphery of the park. These will be standard 5' sidewalks with snow storage area next to the curb. They are also planning to install concrete paths over the informal paths that cut diagonally across the northern and southern sections of the park. B. Haley recommended that the width of the sidewalks be compatible with the width of the sidewalk snowplow/brush. In regard to the diagonal pathways, the Board recommended that Syracuse University investigate historic maps or images of the park that depict formal pathways (if any) in the interior of the park. K. Auwaerter suggested that they might consider permeable surfaces for the diagonals that would look like grass from a distance, but that could put up with the wear and tear of people crossing through.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM in order to go into a training session led by Ted Bartlett (Crawford & Stearns Architects) on interpreting the seven aspects of historic integrity.