



*SYRACUSE
LANDMARK
PRESERVATION
BOARD*

**Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, January 18, 2018**

Meeting Minutes

Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Don Radke called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tom Cantwell, Cynthia Carter, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Donald Radke, Jeff Romano, Joe Saya, Lisa Tonzi
Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2017 as submitted, which was seconded by J. Romano. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

LPS 17-2: Central Technical High School (701 S. Warren Street). The Board discussed the Protected Site application for the former Central Technical High School and Lincoln Auditorium and the testimony during the public hearing that took place immediately prior to the regular meeting. B. Haley stated that he was in favor of the designation of the property as a Protected Site because of the quality of the former school's architectural design and as an excellent example of the work of noted local architect, Archimedes Russell. In addition, he commented on the reputation of the Lincoln Auditorium as a center of culture and the arts in the community, noting the number of world-famous artists and other luminaries that had performed in the space. For these reasons, he stated that the building met designation Criteria 2 and 3. J. Marshall agreed, highlighting the former school's role in the growth and development of the city and the importance of its architecture and architect. She stated that the property also met Criterion 5 (interiors) for the significance of the auditorium, its design, exceptional acoustics and the importance of those who performed in the space. D. Leary stated that the property also met Criterion 1 for its association with persons of significance to the history of Syracuse, referring to the list of notable graduates of the former high school. T. Cantwell commented on the personal affection for the building that was expressed by those who spoke at the public hearing. Although he appreciated the emotional attachment to the property, T. Cantwell stated that it is the fine architecture and artistic qualities of the property that qualify the property for designation. B. Haley and J. Romano both noted the importance of the building site, specifically the importance of the building in relation to Billings Park, located immediately west of the building. J. Romano commented on the formality of the site design which includes the school building and its relationship to Billings Park.

J. Marshall made a motion to recommend the designation of the property located at 701 South Warren Street (Central Technical High School and Lincoln Auditorium) be designated a Protected Site pursuant to its eligibility under Criteria 1, 2, 3, and 5. The designation will apply to the exterior of the building and to the Lincoln Auditorium. D. Leary seconded the motion, which the Board approved by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.