



Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, May 3, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Bob Haley called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tom Cantwell, Cynthia Carter, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Don Radke, Joe Saya, Lisa Tonzi

Excused: Jeff Romano

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2018 as submitted, which was seconded by T. Cantwell. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CA-18-01 1408 Park Street (St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity): Steeple repair. K. Auwaerter provided a brief update regarding the work on the steeple at St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity. She reported that the scaffolding is going up and that Ed King (Catholic Diocese of Syracuse) is waiting on cost estimates for the wood trim on the steeple dormers.

NEW BUSINESS

Certificates of Appropriateness

CA-18-02 501 Park Street (Masjid Isa Ibn Maryam). Irfan Elahi, representing the mosque, presented the application to install a standing seam metal roof as a replacement to the current asphalt shingle. The new roof will be installed on the main body of the mosque, but not on the steeples. K. Auwaerter noted that the rear apse of the building has a standing seam roof. The Board discussed the proposed project. D. Leary commended the applicant for the quality of the products selected. C. Carter questioned the visual impact of the standing seam metal on the historic character of the building, commenting that the original roof would have been slate. It was noted that the Board had approved a standing seam roof as a replacement for asphalt at St. Paul's on Montgomery Street. J. Marshall made a motion to approve the proposed standing seam metal roof (Pac-Clad High Snap-On Standing Seam, color "Musket" or "Graphite Steel") for the main body of the building. The motion was seconded by D. Leary and passed by a majority vote, C. Carter abstaining.

CA-18-03 205 Sedgwick Drive. Rick Gault (contractor) represented the application for the work at 205 Sedgwick Drive. K. Auwaerter explained that the house had been vacant for over 30 years and was now in the City's Vacant Property Registry. R. Gault explained that, at the behest of the owners, he had presented a general scope of work to the Codes Division and had commenced work. He had not been informed by Codes that a Certificate of Appropriateness was needed for the exterior alterations. The scope of work includes but is not limited to reconstruction of the roof on the library wing of the house, roof repair and enclosure of a rear porch, enclosure of the cellar entrance, and new siding and door on the rear mudroom. Because of the complicated nature of the project, D. Radke recommended to the Board that a subcommittee be formed to make a site visit to

review the nature of the work that has been completed and is proposed. K. Auwaerter will facilitate the site visit.

Zoning Referrals

Site Review (SR-03-07M2): 1654 W Onondaga Street. Allen Hinckley (Network Building & Consulting) presented the application to relocate six mobile antennas from the interior of the dome of the former House of Providence orphanage to the exterior brick face of the attic story of the building. The Board reviewed the proposal and noted that the antenna relocation would have a negative effect on the historic character of the building, particularly in regard to those antennas that are proposed for the front, south-facing facade. The Board recommended that the applicant consider installing the antennas low around the base of the dome, which is set back from the face of the building. In addition, the antennas and mounts should be colored to match the dark color of the base in order to reduce the visibility of the equipment.

The Board also recognized that there are currently several antennas installed on the exterior of the building belonging to different carriers. The Board requested that the comments to Zoning reflect its recommendation to the property owner that, at a minimum, the other carriers paint the existing antennas and mounts to match the building surface on which they are mounted in order to reduce the negative visual impact.

DISCUSSION

National Register Nomination: RE Dietz Building. The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the National Register nomination for the RE Dietz Building on Wilkinson Street, which has been recently rehabilitated for residential and commercial uses. The Board expressed its full support of the nomination.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.