

Landmark Preservation Board Thursday, July 15, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Julia Marshall, Lisa Tonzi Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2021, which was seconded by J. Romano. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted; T. Cantwell abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

CA-21-09 213 Scottholm Terrace. The board agreed to continue to hold this application open pending the submission of new information.

Project Site Review (PR 21-08) 344 N. Salina Street. The board agreed to hold this application pending the submission of new information.

NEW BUSINESS

CA-21-17 812 N. Salina Street (Assumption Church). The applicant was not present. K. Auwaerter introduced the application for the installation of a new metal door to the lower church. The door will feature an upper glass panel above two solid panels. The door will be painted brown (Benjamin Moore HC 75 "Maryvlle Brown") with black metal hardware. The board noted that the applicant had presented the project at the June 3, 2021 board meeting and that the proposal before the board was in keeping with the board's overall recommendations from this earlier project discussion, with the exception that the applicant had not included the recommended metal baseplate in the final design of the door. K. Auwaerter explained that the applicant's contractor had recommended against the metal plate due to corrosion concerns. J. Romano made a motion to approve the application as submitted, which was seconded by D. Leary. The board unanimously approved the motion with the recommendation that the door be made of galvanized steel.

DISCUSSION

Predevelopment Discussion: 1641 S. Salina Street. Hal Travis (Hal Travis Real Estate) presented a proposal to construct up to five, two-story, modular, four-plex apartment buildings on the site of the former Gothic Cottage and New Jerusalem Church. The project site is located within the S. Salina Street Historic District. In discussion, C. Carter emphasized the importance of using the surrounding historic district as a guide for the design of the development. In particular, she referenced common features of the surrounding buildings and streetscape including height and overall massing of the houses, materials, porches and setbacks. She noted that the new construction could be contemporary in design, but should be compatible with the historic character, size and scale of the buildings within the historic district.

After further discussion, the board requested that H. Travis provide the board with an accurate site plan for the development and floor plans of the buildings. The board recommended strongly that he seek the assistance of a qualified preservation architect, who could help make the proposed development more compatible with the surrounding district.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.