



Landmark Preservation Board
Thursday, September 5, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bob Haley called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cynthia Carter, Bob Haley, Dan Leary, Julia Marshall, Jeff Romano, Lisa Tonzi

Absent: Tom Cantwell, Don Radke, Joe Saya

Staff: Kate Auwaerter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Romano made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2019, which was seconded by D. Leary. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

CA-19-16 812 N Salina Street (Assumption Church). Friar Richard Riccioli (Assumption Church) and Kyle Thomas (Natural Systems Engineering) presented a green infrastructure proposal for the church grounds. The scope of work includes the introduction of new porous paving to two existing asphalt parking lots; retrofitting downspouts on the church with new elbows designed to allow the discharge of storm water from the roof into stormwater catchment basins; and the introduction of two rain gardens on the lawn in front of the friary. Finally, a metal guard rail that protects the sidewalk from the church parking lot along N. Salina St will be replaced with a 4'-tall, black, metal, picket-style fence to match the fence in front of the friary. A planting strip and trees located behind the fence will further protect the sidewalk from the parking lot.

The Board discussed the project with the applicants. J. Marshall made a motion to approve the application as submitted. C. Carter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CA-19-17 224 Brattle Road. The applicant was not present. K. Auwaerter explained that this project involved a non-contributing property within the preservation district. The scope of work includes replacing the existing front porch. The flat roof on the existing porch has drawn water back toward the house and water has also damaged the porch posts and decorative trim. The proposed new porch would include a copper, hip roof on square posts.

The Board reviewed the application materials. In discussion, members stated their concern that the existing porch was the primary decorative feature of the front of the house. The Board discussed ways that the roof to the porch might be repaired so that the feature could be preserved. The Board tabled the application and requested a site visit to meet with the owner and review the condition of the front porch.

CA-19-18 111 Circle Road. The applicant was not present. K. Auwaerter presented the proposal to repaint the house. The main body of the house is currently tan colored with white trim and black shutters. The proposal is to paint the main body of the house Valspar "Café Blue" and retain the white trim and black shutters. C. Carter made a motion to approve the application as submitted, which was seconded by J. Romano. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

B. Haley recommended that the Board hold a session to review the process by which Project Site Review applications and other Zoning referrals are reviewed by the Board, specifically larger development projects. He commented that the Board needs adequate time to review these important projects and be able to table discussion if more information is needed. He also commented that if a Board member is unable to attend a meeting, the member should submit comments so that the member's concerns can become part of the discussion at the time of the meeting. K. Auwaerter also commented that her office needs to coordinate more closely with the State Historic Preservation Office on publically funded projects so that the SHPO staff knows if the Board has any particular concerns regarding a project that SHPO is also reviewing.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.