

City of Binghamton
Commission on Architecture and Urban Design
26 May 2015
Minutes

Date: 26 May 2015
Location: Planning Department Conference Room

Members Present:

J. Darrow
S. Edwards
K. Ellsworth
P. Klosky
M. Atchie

Other Present:

M. Giurastante
J. Berling
T. Costello

Absent:

M. Mauro
J. Smith

K. Ellsworth called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10PM.

K. Ellsworth makes a motion to approve February minutes, seconded by S. Edwards and unanimously approved.

K. Ellsworth makes a motion to approve March minutes, seconded by P. Klosky and unanimously approved.

Items Heard:

19 Chenango Street:

Conan Cerretani appeared to provide information on the renovation of the Press Building. There were multiple modifications that were requested to a previously approved site plan including alterations to the cornice of the building, relocation of a stairwell, placement of lighting, creation of brick pavers, the removal of planters and replacement of windows. Applicant also requested approval to clean the masonry with appropriate cleaning materials.

Applicant proposed the relocation of the second interior stair to the rear of the building. Staircase had been previously approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). J. Darrow made a motion to approve the stairwell in the rear of the building provided that it would be done in a color consistent with the preexisting building. J. Darrow made a motion that the work on the cornice as presented is acceptable provided that the final color is approved by new historic preservation planner. Both motions were seconded by K. Ellsworth and were unanimously approved.

J. Darrow made a motion to deny the placement of planters in front of the Chenango Street façade. J. Darrow made a motion that the applicant may proceed with the fire damage cleanup with the masonry of

the building with proposed cleaning materials. Both motions were seconded by M. Atchie and unanimously approved.

J. Darrow made a motion to approve the light fixtures provided as presented, seconded by P. Klosky and unanimously approved.

Pavers and windows were tabled due to an incomplete application.

41 Court Street

Michael Weisel appeared to provide information on the project, which included an outdoor café, façade painting and the placement of murals on the Washington Street side of his building. The green zip board on Washington Street is a temporary wall until funding can be secured to construct a finished façade.

Until such time, the applicant proposed to paint the green zip board with the original color of the building (princess pink) and place a series of four (4) murals on that particular wall, which will greatly improve the aesthetic of the Washington Street Extension. Additionally, this change comes in preparation of the establishment of his outdoor café, his second proposal, which would be placed immediately in front of the wall.

J. Darrow made a motion to approve the outdoor café provided that the applicant conforms to barrier standards once they are created. J. Darrow made a motion to approve the painting of the temporary façade as presented. S. Edwards seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

439 Court Street

Christopher Stastny appeared to provide information on the project, which includes the demolition of all current buildings and the construction of a drive-through restaurant. Three of the structures are over forty years old, so their demolition falls under the purview of the Commission on Architecture and Urban Design (CAUD).

J. Darrow made a motion for no historical significance, which was seconded by M. Atchie and unanimously approved.

Other Business:

- Public Art comes before CAUD before approval
- Court Street Bridge mosaics need to be corrected
- Gateway Project construction at 50 Front Street

Adjournment:

J. Darrow made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Atchie and unanimously approved.