

City of Binghamton
Commission on Architecture and Urban Design
29 May 2013
Minutes

APPROVED – 25 June 2013

Date: 29 May 2013
Location: PHCD Conference Room, 4th Floor City Hall
Present: Ruth Levy – Commissioner, Chair
Peter Klosky – Commissioner
John Darrow – Commissioner
Jeff Smith – Commissioner
H. Peter L’Orange – Historic Preservation Planner
Joel Boyd – Economic Development

Ms. Levy called the meeting to order at approximately 12:12 PM.

The minutes from the 30 April 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Darrow made a motion to approve the minutes as provided; it was seconded by Mr. Klosky. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Items Heard:

72 Court Street – Public Art Project: The Applicant presented the case. The Commission reviewed the proposed tile mosaic project. There was a discussion of the proposed design. Mr. Darrow made a motion to approve the project in concept, on the condition that the Applicants come back with a refined design at the next meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Klosky. There was some additional discussion of design. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

110 Main Street – Awning Sign: This case had been tabled at the 30 April 2013 meeting; the Applicant did not appear at either meeting. Staff presented this case. The Applicant proposed to install a vinyl stick-on signage appliqué over the existing awning frame and material. Mr. Darrow made a motion to deny the application as the proposed design was inappropriate for a historic building, the sign had been installed illegally without approvals, and as additional work had been done without approval; it was seconded by Mr. Smith. There was discussion of recommending complete removal of the awning. Mr. Darrow amended his motion to include this; the amendment was seconded by Mr. Smith. The amendment was approved 4-0-0. The motion as amended was carried 4-0-0; the sign was DENIED.

39 Court Street – Signage: This case had been tabled at the 30 April 2013 meeting; the Applicant did not appear at either meeting. Staff presented this case. The Applicant had installed a new face on an existing panel box sign without permit or Commission review. Mr. Smith made a motion to deny the application as both the sign and the panel box are inappropriate in the historic district, that sign was installed with approvals, and that per the City’s Zoning Code the sign box should have been removed 30 days after the previous business had closed, and that the

Commission would recommend an awning sign as more appropriate for the historic district; it was seconded by Mr. Klosky. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the sign was DENIED.

79 State Street – Outdoor Café Permit (Renewal): Staff presented this case. The Applicant had applied to renew an outdoor café permit at this location, with the same furniture and site plan as previous years. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve; it was seconded by Mr. Darrow. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the café renewal was APPROVED.

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Other Business

- Staff provided the Commission some information on proposed updates to the City's Zoning Code and other legislative efforts.
- Staff provided the Commission some updates on the Blueprint Binghamton Comprehensive Plan Project.
- Mr. Darrow made an announcement regarding Flag Day.

There was no further business.

Mr. Darrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion carried 4-0-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission on Architecture and Urban Design is scheduled for Tuesday, 25 June 2013.