

**City of Binghamton**  
**Commission on Architecture and Urban Design**  
**30 July 2013**  
**Minutes**

**APPROVED – 27 August 2013**

**Date:** 30 July 2013  
**Location:** PHCD Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall  
**Present:** Ruth Levy – Commissioner, Chair  
Sean Massey – Commissioner, Vice-chair  
Jeff Smith – Commissioner  
Larry Borelli – Commissioner  
H. Peter L’Orange – Historic Preservation Planner

Ms. Levy called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 PM.

The minutes from the 25 June 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; it was seconded by Mr. Borelli. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

**Items Heard:**

**31 Lewis Street – Signage:** Staff presented this case. The Applicant proposed to install a wall sign on the non-original stair tower on the west side of this building, above the existing Goldsmith’s sign. There was some general discussion of the signage. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the sign, with no illumination, with the following conditions: that the sign be anchored into the mortar, not the bricks, so as to be more easily reversible and repairable at a later date, and that the sign be moved two (2) to four (4) feet down, bringing it closer to Goldsmith’s sign for better spacing on the building; the motion was seconded by Mr. Borelli. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the signage was APPROVED with conditions.

**30 Front Street – Letter of Support:** Staff presented this case. The Applicant had requested a letter of support from the Commission for a grant application they were preparing. Staff provided the Commission a summary of the proposed projects. Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize staff to draft a letter of support for the Chair to sign; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the requested was APPROVED.

The remaining cases on the agenda did not have any representatives present. Mr. Massey made a motion to table the cases; it was seconded by Mr. Borelli. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the cases were TABLED.

**Other Business**

- 19 Chenango Street – Restoration Proposal: The Applicant’s representative presented this item. There was general discussion of the proposed project, but as there were no details,

the Commission could not vote on the case. The Commission expressed concern that the cornice be treated appropriately; there were also concerns about the proposed density of the project, and the fact that the project's floor plans would only appear to one segment of the rental market.

- 62 Chenango Street – Rehabilitation Proposal: The Applicant presented this item. The Applicant proposed a range of rehab work on the building. There was general discussion of the rehab concepts. The Commission told the Applicant that they would need very clear details and plans on the project to be able to review it.

There was no further business.

Mr. Massey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Borelli. The motion carried 4-0-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission on Architecture and Urban Design is scheduled for Tuesday, 27 August 2013.