

City of Binghamton
Commission on Architecture and Urban Design
4 June 2014 Special Meeting
Minutes

APPROVED – 24 June 2014

Date: 4 June 2014
Location: PHCD Conference Room, 4th Floor City Hall
Members Present: Mike Haas
Peter Klosky
John Darrow
Mike Atchie
Members Absent: Jeff Smith
Sean Massey
Larry Borelli
Others Present: H. Peter L'Orange – Historic Preservation Planner
Joel Boyd – Economic Development
Thomas F. Costello – Supervisor of Building Construction

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:05 AM. Mr. Haas served as the Chair Pro-tem for this meeting.

The property owner and potential developer was asked to give a brief presentation on the proposal they intended to submit for the Veterans Affairs treatment clinic. The Applicant gave a presentation on the proposed project, and provided some information on other potential projects which might take place if their proposal to Veterans Administration was not approved. There was some general discussion of the proposal.

Items Heard:

42 Pine Street – Determination of Significance (Demo): The Applicant presented this case. The Applicant proposed to demolish the existing structure as part of a potential redevelopment project at 203 Court Street. Mr. Darrow made a motion to issue a Determination of No Historical Significance for the property, with a strong recommendation that the Applicant not demolish the building until/unless a redevelopment project has been approved; it was seconded by Mr. Atchie. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the Commission issued a determination of NO HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

197 Court Street – Determination of Significance (Demo): The Applicant presented this case. The Applicant proposed to demolish the existing structure as part of a potential redevelopment project at 203 Court Street. Mr. Darrow made a motion to issue a Determination of No Historical Significance for the property, with a strong recommendation that the Applicant not demolish the building until/unless a redevelopment project has been approved; it was seconded by Mr. Klosky. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the Commission issued a determination of NO HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

199 Court Street – Determination of Significance (Demo): The Applicant presented this case. The Applicant proposed to demolish the existing structure as part of a potential redevelopment project at 203 Court Street. Mr. Darrow made a motion to issue a Determination of No Historical Significance for the property, with a strong recommendation that the Applicant not demolish the building until/unless a redevelopment project has been approved; it was seconded by Mr. Klosky. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the Commission issued a determination of NO HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

SEQR Comments: {Mr. Darrow departed during this discussion.} Under the State Environmental Quality Review act, the Commission expressed their support for seeing the City’s landscaping requirements being strongly enforced for any redevelopment project, as landscaping is important to the aesthetic character of the downtown area. The Commission felt especially strong that a “green curtain” be provided on the Pine Street frontage as this area is more residential in nature than the Court Street side.

There was no further business.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 AM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on Architecture and Urban Design is scheduled for Tuesday, 24 June 2014.