

City of Binghamton
Commission on Architecture and Urban Design
26 August 2014
Minutes

APPROVED as submitted – 30 September 2014

Date: 26 August 2014
Location: PHCD Conference Room, 4th Floor City Hall
Members Present: Jeff Smith, Chair
Sean Massey
Larry Borelli
Peter Klosky
John Darrow
Members Absent: Mike Atchie
Mike Haas
Others Present: H. Peter L'Orange – Historic Preservation Planner
Jennie Skeadas-Sherry – Director, PHCD
Robert Murphy – Directory, Economic Development
John Matzo – Councilman, 6th District
Lora Zier – Broome County Planning
Thomas Costello – Supervisor, Building Construction

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 PM.

The minutes from the 30 July 2014 regular meeting were reviewed. Mr. Darrow made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; it was seconded by Mr. Borelli. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 5-0-0; the minutes were approved as submitted.

A request was made to review 31 Lewis Street first, as the Applicant was present, and the Applicant for 12 Pearl Avenue was not present. There was general agreement to this request.

Items Heard:

31 Lewis Street – Rooftop Addition: Mr. Darrow recused himself from this due to business dealings with the Applicant. The Applicant presented this case. The Applicant proposed to construct a new rooftop addition to the existing building. The addition would be a quonset hut style structure, with glass walls on the north and south faces. The east and west walls would be painted to match the existing color of the building; the roof of the addition would be grey. The Applicant stated that the addition would be used as amenity space for the tenants of the building. There was some general discussion of the proposed plan. Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the proposal as submitted and presented; it was seconded by Mr. Borelli. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-1, with Mr. Darrow abstaining; the project was APPROVED.

12 Pearl Avenue – Determination of Significance (Demolition): Staff presented this case. The Applicant, who owns the abutting property, proposed to purchase the property, demolish the

existing structure, and use the lot as green space. There was discussion of the future use and maintenance of the lot. Mr. Borelli made a motion to issue a determination of No Historical Significance for the structure; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was some additional discussion, but no changes were made to the motion. It was carried 4-0-1, with Mr. Darrow abstaining; the Commission issued a determination of NO HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

47 Chenango Street – Revised Public Mural Design: [Councilman Matzo, Lora Zier, and Tom Costello arrived during this case.] Mr. Murphy presented this case. The Commission had previously reviewed and approved a mural design for this location. Mr. Murphy stated that there was a desire to change the design. There was a long discussion of potential designs and content. The Commission determined that they did not have a clear enough design concept to proceed. Mr. Darrow made a motion to table the case until revised plans could be presented; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 5-0-0; the case was TABLED.

There was no further business.

Mr. Darrow made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. The motion was carried 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:40 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission on Architecture and Urban Design is scheduled for Tuesday, 30 September 2014.