

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Official Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019

5:00 pm

City Hall, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia New York

Members Present: *Sharon Burkel, Connie Boyd, Caroline Hosek, Henry Emmans, and Ryan Duffy*

Others Present: Janice Smith – Recording Secretary

I. **Call to order:**

The meeting was opened at 5:02 pm by Chairman Sharon Burkel.

II. **Approval of minutes:**

Motion by: Connie Boyd

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for September 2019.

Seconded by: Caroline Hosek

Vote for: 5

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

III. **Public Hearings:**

A. **201 East Main Street – Expansion of mural and to install metal grate**

1. **Overview of the project.** Ms. Hosek read the proposal. GOART! is requesting the mural that was approved for the entrance of the musical garden be extended throughout the rest of the garden, and to install a metal grate for safety.

2. **Public Hearing.**

Motion by: Ryan Duffy

Motion was made to open the public hearing at 5:05 pm.

Seconded by: Connie Boyd

Vote for: 5

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

GOART's Executive Director, Mr. Hallock, was there representing GOART!. He stated that the mural has been a huge success because when people see the mural on the driveway, they walk right into the garden. The current mural has a wave in it. The sidewalk has the same type of wave throughout the garden. He would like the mural to continue through the garden, because it would blend together. Also, it would keep people walking through the garden.

Mr. Hallock explained that there were kids playing the other day and he saw that they were in the window well. He realized that this could be a huge liability. The window has bars on it, but his concern is that children's hands or feet could fit between the bars and break the glass. The metal grate will have GOART!'s logo on it, and it will cover the window well. The color will be black, the same as the bench directly across from it.

After seeing the children in the garden, it was recommended to Mr. Hallock to add a lock to the plug, and to raise the lights. The can lights that GOART! originally proposed to the Commission were can lights that are flush with the ground. Mr. Hallock would like to change them from a can light in the ground to a 3' high pole light. The concern is that children would stomp on the lights and break them. Mr. Hallock has also decided that the garden needs to have a list of rules listed. He stated that he will have a small sign zip tied to the gate so that people can see the rules when they enter the garden.

Public Hearing closed at 5:14 pm

3. Discussion and Action by the Commission

Motion by: Connie Boyd

Motion was made to approve the project.

Seconded by: Ryan Duffy

Vote for: 5

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

B. 434 East Main Street – Porches, painting and windows.

1. Overview of the project. Ms. Hosek read the proposal. GCASA (Genesee Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc.) recently bought this property. They would like to refinish the porches, paint the whole outside of the house, and replace the windows.

2. Remove Project from the table.

Motion by: Connie Boyd

Motion was made to take the application off the table.

Seconded by: Ryan Duffy

Vote for: 5

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

3. Discussion and Action by the Commission.

GCASA's Executive Director, Mr. Bennett, was there to explain the project for GCASA. During the last meeting the Commission asked Mr. Bennett to bring a sample of the window. Mr. Bennett showed a sample of a white vinyl window. Mr. Bennett explained that it comes in white or almond and showed a piece of paper with the colors. Ms. Hosek stated that the white was not as bright as she thought it would be. Mr. Bennett explained that he would be replacing all the wood windows on the first and second floor to vinyl windows.

Ms. Burkel asked if there were 29 windows or 39, because there were two different numbers used in the proposal. Mr. Bennett stated that there are 29 windows that will be replaced. Mr. Bennett also explained that he will replace four oriel windows with vinyl oriel windows. He plans on reglazing all the windows on the third floor. There are three stain-glass windows. He plans on repairing them. He would like to put a storm window over them. Ms. Burkel asked if he had thought of putting the

storm on the inside of the window. Mr. Bennett explained that there isn't much room and he will be putting them on the outside.

Mr. Bennett stated to keep the look in kind he would trim out the window sills with red paint since the wood windows are currently painted red. The commission thought that was a great idea.

Mr. Bennett said the pipe railing on the front porch will remain the same. The back porch will also keep the current pipe railing. On the back porch the tongue and groove decking will be replaced with tongue and groove. The house will be painted the same three colors that are on it now and the scroll work will be kept the same.

Motion by: Sharon Burkel

Motion was made to approve the project which includes:

- Front Porch - wood tongue and groove floor, wood wainscot ceiling, posts wrapped with fluted trim board, cedar shakes, save and reuse decorative trim, pressure treated wood for frame, keep the pipe railing
- Back Porch - wood tongue and groove floor, keep pipe railing
- Windows - replace 29 windows with double hung white vinyl on first and second floor, attic windows to be reglazed and painted same color, stain glass to be reglazed and painted same color, all arched windows will be preserved – reglazed and painted same color
- Painting whole house - keep same three colors;

Seconded by: Caroline Hosek

Vote for: 5

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

IV. Communications Sent and Received:

- A. Memo from Matt Worth.** The Commission appreciated that there is a schedule for everyone to adhere to.
- B. City Manager, Martin Moore spoke to the Commission.** Mr. Moore explained that Ellicott Station owner would be going in front of the Planning and Development Committee later this month to separate the parcel into three separate parcels. This will help with one of the housing grants that the owner is applying for.

V. Old Business: none

VI. New Business: none

VII. Adjournment

Motion by: Ryan Duffy

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Seconded by: **Connie Boyd**

Vote for: 4 – (Henry Emmans left before final vote)

Vote against: 0

Janice Smith
Recording Secretary