

Historic and/or Architectural Advisory Board
City of Cortland
January 11, 2010

A regular meeting of the Historic District Commission was held on January 11, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Chair Kline, Comm. Abbot, Delaney, Dineen, Kane and Wineburg

Staff Present: Mayor Feiszli, Alderman Ferguson, Amy Bertini, Zoning Officer and Cheryl Massmann, Deputy City Clerk

Item No. 1 - Minutes - December 14, 2009

Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Comm. Delaney

Seconded: Comm. Kane

Motion passed.

Item No. 2 - 55 Tompkins St. - (Vergamini & Pollack Properties LLC)(CB) - Roof Flashing & Gutters

Adam Pollack was present. Chair Kline indicated that the roof flashings and gutters were done and the project was now being reviewed. Adam Pollack indicated that he had spoken with Chief Glover and found out that this building was in the Historic District and he apologized for doing the project without prior approval. He indicated that he would not do that in the future now that he realized the process. Chair Kline noted that the downspouts could be disguised by painting the gutters a warm brown color. She noted that the downspouts probably would have to be primed and painted. Mr. Pollack noted that he and his partner had only put up one PVC downspout and that could be replaced with the old one they had removed. Chair Kline noted that there were six (6) or seven (7) gutters. Comm. Kane and Abbott felt all of them needed to be done. Adam Pollack noted that they had only replaced one gutter with the PVC; the rest of the gutters had been there when they purchased the building. Mr. Pollack noted that they will take responsibility for the one gutter that they put up and will look into the expense of painting the rest. Mr. Pollack stated that he was unsure of what their budget was and he stated that before making any promises to the Historic Board that he would have to later go back on. He wanted to establish the total cost. Chair Kline asked that he research and pick a color and come back before this Board. Comm. Kane noted that next spring would they also see that

Adam Megivern was present to give a brief presentation regarding the expansion of the Historic District. He feels that they have gotten to the point of adding on Pt. Watson and Clinton Streets rather than adding building by building. He asked what the group's perspective was of this. He feels that this will be beneficial and will help the Downtown District. Comm. Wineburg noted that she would like to see it expanded further down South Main Street because otherwise it ends just past Starr Bistro.

Amy Bertini, Zoning Office, made a suggestion. She noted that the City is currently working on a Comprehensive Plan revision and this has been addressed in the revised plan. She felt that he should refer to the Community Development Office because this would be part of the Comprehensive Plan. She also noted that this was a very involved process. She felt that it shouldn't be piecemealed. Comm. Delaney noted that they would have to become involved in this process quickly as the current plan revision is almost done and if it's not included in this revision, they might have to wait another ten (10) years. Adam Megivern noted that he had been contacted by Thoma Development recently and he would get in touch with Rich Cunningham to find out more. He would like to come back to the next meeting after speaking with Rich Cunningham and relate the information he obtains from Thoma. Further discussion ensued about some particular buildings, their history and some other streets perhaps being included and incentives for being in a Historic District.

New Business

A new business is coming in where College Hots used to be. Chair Kline urged Amy Bertini, Zoning Officer to get in touch with the new business about signage. Comm. Kane asked if anyone had contacted Chair Kline regarding windows on Main Street where the Barsoni pizza shop had been located about shortening the windows. Chair Kline noted that would not be acceptable and she gave them the guidelines for doing a project on Main Street and the owner is aware of what they need to do to apply to this Commission to present their project. Comm. Kane noted that someone else had contacted her regarding windows, so that there would be two (2) projects. It was also noted that the unfinished furniture store has closed.

Adjournment

Motion: Comm. Dineen
Seconded: Comm. Wineburg

Motion passed.

Linda Kline, Chairperson