

Historic and/or Architectural Advisory Board  
City of Cortland  
July 12, 2010

A regular meeting of the Historic District Commission was held on July 12, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Staff Present: Zoning Officer Bruce Weber, Capt. William Knickerbocker and Cheryl Massmann, Deputy City Clerk

Item No. 1 - Minutes - June 14, 2010

A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 14, 2010.

Motion: Comm. Wineburg

Seconded: Comm. Dineen

Motion passed.

Item No. 2 - 29 Tompkins St. - (Alumni Assoc.)(R4) - Barn Modification

Chair Kline gave the history of this property, noting that the first home on the site was built in 1870 and that the current building, now the Alumni House, was built later. She noted that Comm. Kane had indicated that the barn in question was built around the 1870 era. Rich Coyne, the Alumni House Manager and Mike Stoll, the Alumni House Caretaker, noted that they are planning to tear down the existing back barn (not the carriage house) and to put up a prefab building. Rich Coyne did a presentation. He noted that there is a liability issue, the concrete floor is heaving, they can't secure the building, the roof is leaking and that the second floor of the present building can't be used. Mike Stoll noted that Woodford Brothers had worked on the building in the 1990's, but that the building is currently twisting and the front of it is leaning forward. That is one of the reasons they are unable to secure the door. He noted that items have been stolen from the building. Rich Coyne noted that the building is currently being held up by cabling; that there was significant fire damage to the support beams and the upper floor.

Comm. Dineen asked for a description of the new structure. Chair Kline noted that the building will have a metal roof that will try to match the terra cotta color of the Alumni House roof. The building will be a wood siding of hemlock and will be painted after six (6) months once the wood is cured. It will be a board and batten siding and will only be a

single story building. There'll be a personal entry door in the front as well as four (4) overhead doors and there will be windows in the rear. The footprint of the new building will be exactly the same as the existing building.

Comm. Wineburg asked if they had spoken with Comm. Mary Ann Kane. Chair Kline indicated that she had, but did not have her opinion on the demolition of the current building. She went on to note that the building was going to fall. Mr. Stoll noted that Jerry Contento would be demolishing the building, Lakeland would be doing the asbestos testing and Finger Lakes Construction would build the new structure.

A motion was made to approve the application as proposed.

Motion:                   Comm. Dineen  
Seconded:               Comm. Wineburg

Motion passed.

Item No. 3 - 65 Main St. - (Alliance)(CB) - Sidewalk Renovations

Richard Hooper from Alliance Bank was present. He explained that due to the condition of the sidewalks on Court and Main Streets that his insurance company asked that the remove the brick pavers and replace them with concrete to prevent pedestrian injuries due to the present condition of the brick areas. Comm. Wineburg and Delaney suggested that stamped concrete would be more in keeping with the rest of downtown. Chair Kline noted that it was the process used on South Main Street. Mr. Hooper stated that he was not opposed to the stamped concrete in the brick colored concrete and has already priced it. The Historic Commission noted that they all liked the look.

A motion was made to approve the project as proposed going with the brick colored stamped concrete.

Motion:                   Comm. Wineburg  
Seconded:               Comm. Dineen

Motion passed.

Item No. 4 - 50 Tompkins St. - (Reeners)(R4) - Fencing and Signage

Jim Reeners was present. He would like to install a sign and fencing. He noted that the sign will go by the tree centered on the fence. The sign will closely match the decking color; it will be maroonish with silver specs. The sign posts will be black and the etched lettering will be silver etched on the maroon background. Mr. Reeners indicated that the



A motion was made to approve the fence with the shadowbox style.

Motion:                               Comm. Wineburg  
Seconded:                           Comm. Dineen

Motion passed.

New Business

It was noted that Chat Wireless was no longer on Main Street. They had removed their sign and had exposed the old Collegetown Hots sign. The owner of the building had been asked to turn the sign around, so that the red lettering would not be seen.

It was also noted that the "Bling" store on Main Street was doing very well in their location.

Adjournment

Motion:                               Comm. Delaney  
Seconded:                           Comm. Dineen

Motion passed.

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Linda Kline, Chairperson