City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – May 16, 2016

Minutes

Present: Rae Proefrock, Jay Soemann, April Gampp, Dennis Pasiak, Joe Fonzi, Peter Trinkwalder, Mike Zimmerman
Absent: Linda Hayes

Meeting Called to Order at: 5:59 PM

Motion to approve minutes from March and April
1st Dennis Pasiak 2nd Jay Soemann
Ayes__6_, Nayes__0__

New Business

YWCA – Penny Armitage, architect, and Kathleen Granchelli, CEO, were present to discuss plans for the YWCA building. Also in attendance: Barb Strzyz, Jennifer Szol, and Valerie _____

Kathleen mentioned that they had recently undergone a merger for all of Niagara County, and created a strategic plan identifying that affordable housing for single women was lacking. They would like to turn the current facility into apartments and a café, leaving some of the rooms in the facility available to host current programming. The current programming in the building will not sustain the building alone.

Mike Zimmerman mentioned that the City was interested in adding some affordable housing to downtown.

Penny presented a plan which included original photos of the building, as well as architectural renderings for new plans. New plans replicated original historical features such as shake shingles, original trim, could include original front door and sign as original on Sweeney House. New changes include a glass wall where the entryway is located.

Rae mentioned that windows should match the standards, with minimal change to the historic character, which this plan does not, with the glass wall. Joe mentioned that SHPO may not approve, suggested mullions, or ghosting the structure to give it the look of where original windows would be.

Dennis asked if the building would be ADA compliant, Penny stated yes.

Rae stated that the committee must consult SHPO, and the YWCA could supply a narrative to accompany the drawings when submitted.

Kevin O'Connor – Tully's/American Skin Art – Rae suggested a supplier for the panels and gave him until next month to come back with a proper drawing and materials.

Lumber Baron Historic District – No progress with Kiersten. Committee suggests we pay her for the time invested and cut ties, look for a new person to complete the application. Rae to get a copy of what was submitted to SHPO.

Listing Payne Junior High as Historic Landmark – Joe Madura gave Rae history of the building, table until next month.

Rae to register a complaint with the city regarding the status of the Goundry Street house.

Rae briefly discussed notes from the recent training that she and April attended.

April to follow up with Pirson's building owners to notify them that the committee would need to see plans for the middle part of the building that was originally not being demolished.

National Grid transfer station – Joe to complete short SEEKER form, Rae to ensure building was on common council agenda for approval.

April to follow up with signage for Salon Envy and Louie's, and Treasure Market painting.

Rae to look into posting committee meeting minutes on city website

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm