



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – July 25, 2016

Minutes

Present: Jay Soemann, April Gampp, Dennis Pasiak, Joe Fonzi, Peter Trinkwalder, Linda Hayes, Dan Quinn City Clerk
Absent: Rae Proefrock

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:00 PM

New Business

YWCA – Dan Quinn read the formal notice that was posted in the paper. Penny Armitage, architect, and Kathleen Granchelli, CEO, were present to appeal the decision that was made at the last committee meeting, and approx. 25 community members were in attendance for the public hearing.

Open Comments:

Francis Waldriff, Alder Creek Drive – in favor of plans to complete the adaptive reuse and create 12 unit apartment for single/homeless women. She felt this plan meets the contemporary needs of women in this community.

Barb Strzyz, Niagara Falls Blvd. – member of the community for 39 years, in favor of the plans.

Val Cronan, Fairfax Ave. – on board of YWCA, Y has served NT well, and they need to invest to ensure solidarity into the future.

Donna Burgio, Sweeney St. – Changes need to be had, they are depending on it to provide housing for these women.

Mary Brennon Taylor, Pine St. – program coordinator for the Y, in favor of the plan. Stated they have a collaboration with St. Mark's on Payne to move their programs and summer camp so that programming can continue.

Joe asked if everyone in the room was in favor – yes, April asked if anyone opposed – no.

Kathy Granchelli - If this project cannot be completed, the outlook is grim, they would need to sell the building, currently the only grant funding that is available is for construction.

Penny Armitage, architect, showed plans to restore the rest of the building to its original state with hardiboard cedar shingles, original windows and trim, etc.

Dennis – what percentage of the building is the glass wall? Penny – minimal.

Motion to approve plan due to positive restoration of remainder of building to original condition and financial hardship if plans cannot be completed.

1st Jay Soemann, 2nd April Gampp
All in favor 6 Nay 0

Old Business

Kevin O'Connor – Tullys/American Skin Art – no changes from last meeting. He is awaiting documentation regarding divorce proceeding. Should be rectified by August 12th. He works with Excel Sash and Door, Joe asked him to get us samples, or email them. April asked that he bring us a plan with a date of installation at the next meeting.

Kevin asked where documentation/meeting minutes were kept, as he had questions on what we previously approved. April stated that we were in the process of getting them posted to the city website, but in the meantime, Pete stated that they were in the historian's office in City Hall.

Lumber Baron District – no answer regarding the draft sent to SHPO

Acension Church – national register letter was circulated to committee for review

Motion to approve June meeting minutes

1st Jay, 2nd Linda

All in favor 6 Nay 0

Motion to approve adjourn

1st Jay, 2nd Dennis

All in favor 6 Nay 0

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm