



York Historical Architectural Review Board
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2017

Members in attendance included: Craig Zumbrun (Chair), Mark Shermeyer, Teresa Johnescu; Mark Skehan, Justine Landis, Dennis Kunkle (Vice-Chair)

Absent: Rebecca Zeller, Dave Redshaw, Robin Pottorff

Consultant: Mary Alfson Tinsman, JMT Cultural Resource Manager/ HARB Consultant

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION/RESULT |
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| Welcome and call to order | <p>The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.</p> <p>The agenda was prepared by the HARB Consultant.</p> | A quorum was present. |
| Changes to the Agenda | | None. |
| Minutes of December 14, 2017 | | Move to approve the December 14 th , 2017 minutes by Mr. Shermeyer; Mr. Kunkle seconded. Passed. |
| Cases | The following cases are approved with the recommended actions. | |

Case #1 – 100-102 N. George Street

A request by CGA Architects for the replacement of the existing storefront system, repair of the marble and stone façade, and new signage on the property. The proposal is to keep the existing storefronts on N. George the same, showing the original stained glass that was present under the modern signage. Along Philadelphia Street they would like to remove the existing units and replace them with storefronts with new glass (clear main panels with obscured glass in the transoms). Existing transom is a solid panel (metal or porcelain). The existing transoms panels are either metal or porcelain and do not appear to be Carrara tile. A photograph from the 1940s shows the original stained glass. The final section on Philadelphia has the original stained glass and that will remain.

The marble will be retained and cleaned and patched (on Philadelphia). On George Street the marble is gone and was replaced with painted stucco. The applicant would like to repaint it to a color matching the

marble on Philadelphia Street. All of the precast materials will be repaired and retained. One rear piece of marble is broken and it will be repaired with modern materials.

Mr. Kunkle asked what the previous HARB application was from Royal Square, and Mr. Shermeyer recalled the previous application was for lighting. The applicant clarified that they are renting from Royal Square and that Royal Square is planning to install the previously approved lighting. Mr. Shermeyer recommended a blade sign for the new Bank.

Motion: Mr. Shermeyer moved to accept the application as submitted. Ms. Landis seconded.

Additional Discussion: None.

Vote: 6-0 in favor. Motion approved.

Case #2 – 309 S. George Street

A request from Fr. Jonathan Sawicki for the construction of a new infill metal and glass structure between the existing church and school buildings on the property. The applicant was represented by the architect. Handouts of the rendering were handed out to the Board. This concept was previously submitted for review and comment to the Board. The existing area in question is an alleyway between St. Mary's Church and the "school building" which serves for religious education. The alleyway is very treacherous, especially in the winter, with the snow/ice piling up. The proposed construction will be visible from George Street and from the rear.

The proposed materials are anodized aluminum and glass, in large part to differentiate the new construction from the historic buildings. Wood details will be added to soften the infill structure. The new construction will provide new entrances to the buildings as well as a covered walkway for the parishioners. This will also allow for the existing stained glass to be uncovered. One window, on the school side, will be replaced. The existing window has a fire-escape from it, but it is not required for code, so it will be replaced with a window.

Any openings that will be taken out (i.e. basement windows) will be removed and infilled with brick that matches the existing.

Mr. Skehan asked if the church board had approved, and the applicant indicated yes.

Motion: Mr. Shermeyer moved to accept the application as submitted. Mr. Skehan seconded.

Additional Discussion: Mr. Shermeyer noted that this is a context sensitive solution that does not try to mimic or recreate history. Mr. Skehan asked if the sidewalk/step issue would be fixed, and the applicant indicated it would be.

Vote: 6-0 in favor. Motion approved.

Case #3 – 267 E. Market Street

Additional information from the applicant regarding the railing system that they would like to use. Presented by the HARB consultant.

Mr. Shermeyer noted that the proposed railing is not very close to the decorative metal trim that is located above the entrance. He noted that they should look at Julius Blum options; noted that the Board had recommended other profiles for the railing. A more delicate railing would be more appropriate. Mr. Skehan noted that it is more modern looking than would be appropriate – something less bulky. The HARB consultant will send the applicant more information/options. Perhaps look at ReFindings or similar stores. Mr. Skehan noted that the height also seemed tall, and the height would be specific to the code.

Other business:

- 1- Discussion of the previous HARB meeting where the Board denied the removal of a balcony. The Board requested that the HARB Consultant attend City Council meetings (in the future) when an application is denied.
- 2- Mr. Zumbrun met with the newly elected Mayor. He discussed the HARB's previous process of holding a yearly meeting with the HARB Board, Council, and the Mayor to discuss the previous year and the upcoming year. Included before/after photos; cases that were approved or not approved; etc.
- 3- Election of HARB officers. Motion to elect Mr. Zumbrun as HARB Chair for 2018 and Mr. Kunkle as Vice Chair for 2018. Motions passed 6-0.

Adjourning and next meeting **The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 6:40pm; the next scheduled meeting is set for Thursday February 8, 2018.**

Minutes recorded by Mary Alfson Tinsman, JMT Cultural Resource Professional/HARB Consultant