CITY OF NEWBURGH
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION
Meeting of
November 12, 2013

The regular meeting of the City of Newburgh **Architectural Review Commission** was held on **Tuesday, November 12, 2013,** at 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York.

Members Present: **John Ledwith, IV, Chairperson**
Brigidanne Flynn
Paula Stevens
Michele Basch
Joseph Minuta

Members Absent: **Christopher Tripoli**

Also Present: **Tiffany Reis, Assistant Corporation Counsel**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. after a quorum was confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS

AR 2013-38 **93 Ann Street**
To attach a wall sign to the side of the building, 12 feet high, 24 feet wide.
Applicant: Douglas Barthel, Rock City Media
Owner: William Giametta

DISCUSSION

Douglas Barthel appeared to discuss this application. He presented a picture of what the sign will look like. There have basically been no changes to the design and size of the sign since he last appeared before the Board. The sign will be lagged in the building, and if needed to be taken down, the holes can be filled in. The sign contents could be changed every six months or every year. The

applicant stated that the advertisement most likely will not be advertising any business in the building, but will bring more people into the city. When people see the signs, they will want to patronize the business. John Ledwith said he would like to see the sign be done in a way that when removed, it would not damage the building. He also said that the sign on Ann Street is not in a high traffic area like the waterfront or Route 17K. Paula Stevens said that the idea and the look of a billboard in the historic district, takes away from the aesthetics, it just doesn't seem to be I keeping with a historic building. Although it is going on a mixed use building, it still is in a residential area. Joseph Minuta thought the scale is at issue and out of proportion for this building. Tiffany Reis reminded the Board that if the sign is approved, there is no way of regulating the content. However, each time the sign is changed; it will have to appear before the ARC. The Board cannot get into the content of the sign, but can only make a decision based on the aesthetics, and materials.

There was no one present to speak for or against this application at the Public Hearing.

A motion to approve this application to attach a wall sign to the side of the building, 12 feet high, 24 feet wide; was made by Joseph Minuta and seconded by Michele Basch.

The motion was denied 5-0.

AR 2013-39 10 Liberty Street

To attach a wall sign to the 2nd floor of the building, facing Liberty Street,12 feet high, 24 feet wide.

Applicant: Douglas Barthel, Rock City Media

Owner: William Giametta, and Michelle Giametta

DISCUSSION

Douglas Barthel appeared to discuss this application. He presented a picture of what the sign will look like. There have basically been no changes to the design and size of the sign since he last appeared before the Board. John Ledwith said the comments for this application are the same as for the 93 Ann Street application.

There was no one present to speak for or against this application at the Public Hearing.

A motion to approve this application as written was made by Joseph Minuta and seconded by Paula Stevens.

The motion was denied 5-0.

AR 2013-40 104 Broadway

To attach a wall sign to the side of the building, 12 feet high, 24 feet wide.

Applicant: Douglas Barthel, Rock City Media

Owner: William Giametta

DISCUSSION

Douglas Barthel appeared to discuss this application. He presented a picture of what the sign will look like. There have basically been no changes to the design and size of the sign since he last appeared before the Board. The difference with this building as opposed to the Ann Street and Liberty Street buildings is that this one is on a busier street and not encroaching on a residential area. There will be no adult content on the sign, but advertising alcohol will be allowed. The sign will be illuminated with down lighting, a 1920's type of gooseneck look. Paula Stevens said that this is still a billboard, and the scale and vinyl material is not appropriate for the historical district. Joseph Minuta would like to see it scaled down to the size of the second floor windows, and from a historic standpoint, would like to see something with some ornament to the frame. Mr. Barthel said he could bring the size down to 8 feet by 16 feet or even 6 by12. The vinyl will be stretched so tight that you don't see it as vinyl; it will hold up to the weather. It was suggested that Mr. Barthel take into consideration the suggestions from the Board and come back with changes.

The Public Hearing was held open.

A motion to table this application was made by John Ledwith and seconded by Brigidanne Flynn.

The motion was approved 5-0.

AR 2013-43 314 Grand Street

To repair fascia moldings, corbels and Yankee gutter in kind, and paint to match existing colors.

Applicant: John Ledwith

DISCUSSION

Joseph Minuta was Acting Chairperson for this application. John Ledwith discussed this application. He will repair two areas of the soffit in all wood, rebuild the Yankee gutters, repair the fascia moldings, and corbel; all in kind, painting to match the existing colors. The tin of the roof, above the bay window, will be replaced. Since Mr. Ledwith is the Chairperson of the ARC, Tiffany Reis asked if everyone on the Board could be fair and impartial when deciding this application. The Board members agreed that they could. .

A motion to approve this application as submitted was made by Paula Stevens and seconded by Michele Basch.

The motion was approved 4-0.

AR 2013-45 167 South William Street

To replace wooden windows with vinyl; replace existing window frames.

Applicant: Jose Majano

DISCUSSION

Mr. Majano provided the Specs of the windows he is planning to install. They are all vinyl windows. He was given information on the preferred window for the historic district and it was suggested that he look into this window.

The Public Hearing was held open.

A motion to table this application was made by Joseph Minuta and seconded by Michele Basch.

The motion was approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

AR 2013-50 117 First Street

To paint front of building.

Applicant: John Sylvester

DISCUSSION

John and Maria Sylvester appeared to discuss this application. They will paint the front of the building using Benjamin Moore Historic Colors; HC 91, Old Salem Grey and HC 61, New London Burgundy, for the accent colors; and HC 39, Putnam Ivory, for the main color.

A motion to approve this application as submitted was made by Joseph Minuta and seconded by Michele Basch.

The motion was approved 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AR 2013-47 229 Liberty Street

To install new brown vinyl windows.

Applicant: Anna Fuentes Arredonda

DISCUSSION

Anna Fuentes Arrendonda and Brian Colley appeared before the Commission to discuss this application. They want to replace 29 windows with vinyl windows in

brown. They chose all vinyl due to cost. They were given information on the preferred window for the historic district and it was suggested that they get some ideas and estimates.

The Public Hearing was held open.

A motion to table this application was made by Michele Basch and seconded by Paula Stevens.

The motion was approved 5-0.

AR 2013-48 291 Liberty Street

To install a 99' x 201' fence with 3 gates, around property.

Applicant: Louie Luo, Hudson Capital 168, LLC

DISCUSSION

Applicant did not appear to discuss this application. No action was taken on the application.

AR 2013-49 157 Renwick Street

To install aluminum clad wood windows.

Applicant: Christine Mosquera

Owner: Micaela Mosquera

DISCUSSION

Christine Mosquera is replacing the 7 front windows and 2 side windows with double hung, aluminum clad wood in white.

There was no one present to speak for or against this application at the Public Hearing.

A motion to approve this application as written was made by Michele Basch and seconded by Joseph Minuta.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Minutes of the September 10, 2013 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting was made by Joseph Minuta and seconded by John Ledwith.

The motion was carried 4-0, with Brigidanne Flynn abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Joan Mason
Secretary
Architectural Review Commission