



**York Historical Architectural Review Board
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2014**

Members in attendance included John Fox, Chair; Dennis Kunkle, Vice Chair; W. Craig Zumburum; Teresa Johnescu; Mark Shermeyer, Justine Landis and Matt Albright.

Absent: Dave Redshaw, Genevieve Ray and Robin Pottorff

Consultant: Roger Ciuffo, Architectural Historian, Historic York, Inc.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RESULT
Welcome and call to order	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The agenda had been prepared by HYI board members and City Staff.	A quorum was present.
Changes to the Agenda	There were no changes to the agenda.	
Minutes of July 2, 2014	No errors or omissions were noted	On a motion by Mark Shermeyer, seconded by Matt Argabright, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
Cases	The following cases are forwarded to York City council with the recommended actions.	
33 North Queen Street	A request by Kinsley Construction for CGA Law Firm for Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the abandoned garage located to the rear of 33 North Queen Street.	On a motion by Mark Shermeyer, seconded by Matt Argabright, the Board unanimously approved the application as presented. The board approved the demolition of deteriorated garage after reviewing the application, site visit from board members and through visual documentation of photographs.

<p>140 North Beaver Street</p>	<p>A request by Tippetts/Weaver Architects, Inc. for St. John's Episcopal Church for a Certificate of Appropriateness to conduct renovations, site improvements, and additions to the existing structure located at 140 North Beaver Street.</p>	<p>This project was NOT for final approval but for a concept review/approval from the HARB Board. The applicant will make any revisions and will return to the HARB Board once plans are finalized.</p> <p>The board commented that the concept was good and the delineation between the new and existing features was appropriate. The only major comment was the proposed vestibule at the entrance. The Board suggested that it be lighter, more open, so that one could still see the historic portion of the church. The proposed vestibule was made of glass.</p>
<p>120-122 East King Street</p>	<p>A request by Susquehanna Renovations for Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of the windows in the front of the buildings, re-pointing the brick, removing the paint from the brick, rebuilding the damaged brickwork caused by c.1960s aluminum siding and restoring the door, door surrounds and the entablatures to match the adjoining building.</p>	<p>On a motion by Theresa Johnescu, seconded by Mark Shermeyer, the Board unanimously approved the application as presented.</p> <p>The board approved this application after talking with the applicant and finding out the all deteriorated materials will be replaced in-kind and will replicate the adjoining building at 118 East King Street so that this section of row houses will mimic one another. The board also approved 1/1 extruded aluminum windows on the second floor and the replacement of the large storefront windows on both buildings to mimic the window located down the street at 110 East King Street. The board also approved the removal of the existing flower box along the street in front of 122 East King Street.</p> <p>Mark Shermeyer suggested that when repointing the brick that a lime base mortar be used to slow further deterioration.</p>

123-129 South Duke Street

A request by Susquehanna Renovations for Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the abandoned building's located at 123-129 South Duke Street. The building buildings foundation is noted to be beyond repair.

On a motion by Craig Zumbrun, seconded by Matt Argabright, the Board unanimously approved the application as presented.

After discussing this project with the applicant and reviewing the photographs and submitted engineering report, the HARB Board agreed that these buildings did not any longer possess any significant architectural features and that trying to save these buildings would not be financially viable to the applicant. The submitted engineering report noted significant deterioration of the rear garage units and the supporting foundation of the main buildings.

Craig Zumbrun commented that the buildings have lost significant aspects of value and believe that removing these buildings would benefit the renewal/growth that is currently going on in this section of the city.

Theresa Johnescu wanted to know who, when the green space goes in, will be making sure that the space stays clean and kept up. Zack Funt and Holly DeKarske from Susquehanna Renovations stated that their company will be maintaining this area. They also note that the extra parking is needed to benefit the existing businesses in this area and also the new businesses that will be coming.

John Fox, Chair, asked the applicants to return with a better concept of what the green space will look like once the buildings are demolished. The board was concerned with the look of the building at 119 South Duke Street since it will be exposed after the demolition. The applicants will return before the green space and parking areas are started to receive final approval from the board.

<p>Adjourning and next meeting</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 7:05pm.</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is Thursday November 27, but since this is a holiday this meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting then will be Thursday December 11, 2014.</p>	
<p>Other business</p>	<p>It was brought to my attention that a new illuminated sign was placed above the new floral shop located at 25 North Beaver Street. The HARB consultant approved the re-use of the former blade sign which was to have been repainted with the new shops logo. The owner said the sign fell apart when they took it down and replaced it with the current sign which was once located at the Market Street Saloon. HARB must decide whether the current sign can be kept in place or removed.</p> <p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- new sign 2- Leave current sign but remove lights so that it doesn't illuminate. 3- Leave as is 	<p>The HARB Board decided to allow the sign to stay in place but the internal illumination MUST be removed. They did approve external illumination, via low wattage bulbs to light the sign.</p>

Minutes recorded by Roger Ciuffo, Architectural Historian, Historic York, Inc.