

**CITY OF NEWBURGH  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION**

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**ARCHITETURAL REVIEW COMMISSION meeting of  
June 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the City of Newburgh **Architectural Review Commission** was held on **Tuesday, June 9, 2009** at 7:30 pm in the Activity Center at 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York.

**Members Present:**   **Mary Crabb, Chairperson**  
                              **Peter King**  
                              **Brigidanne Flynn**  
                              **Paula Stevens**  
                              **John Ledwith, IV**  
                              **Michele Basch**

**Also Present:**           **Michelle Kelson, Assistant Corporation Counsel**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, after a quorum was confirmed.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**AR 2009-19**           **32 Monument Street**  
To repair exterior cornice of building using aluminum material instead of wood.  
**Applicant: Jose Diaz**

The Chairperson of the Board opened the Public Hearing by reading the text of the notice.

Salvana and Jose Diaz appeared before the board with an issue of damage done by squirrels and birds on the cornices of their building. They are requesting to fix the hole using aluminum over the wood to provide a barrier that the animals cannot penetrate. Since the aluminum is not original to the historic character of the building, several suggestions were brought up to repair the problem. It was asked if aluminum could be used on the inside. Mr. Diaz said there is no room to fix it that way due to a flat roof. It was also asked if Mr. Diaz had tried any methods of pest control or had used wire to keep the pests out. He had not.

There were no comments from the public in connection with this application.

Mr. Diaz was advised to consult a professional to find other ways to repair the problem and come back to the Commission with an alternative plan. Also, he was advised to speak to the Historic Preservation Officer to see if the repair was eligible for any tax breaks.

A motion to table the application was made by Peter King and seconded by Paula Stevens. The motion passed 6-0.

**AR 2009-20            30 Monument Street**  
To repair exterior cornice of building using aluminum material instead of wood.  
**Applicant: Jose Diaz**

As this is the same as discussed in AR 2009-19, this application was also tabled by a vote of 6-0.

**AR 2009-22            141 Fullerton Avenue**  
To replace existing walkway and patio with a stamped concrete surface which will be an architectural replacement of the existing work, stamped concrete is chosen for cost, safety and longevity of product. Also, install a vinyl fence 6 feet by 15 feet to match porch.  
**Applicant: Donna DiValentino**

The Chairperson of the Board opened the Public Hearing by reading the text of the notice.

Applicant wants to redo the walkway with stamped cement. However, the front walkway is acceptable only if it is poured concrete. Any brick used must be shade complimentary to the building. Also, the fence applicant wants to install is not in compliance with the Colonial Terraces Guidelines. The guideline is that fence must be limited to 4 feet high and must be constructed of black cast iron, wrought iron or wood. It was suggested that the applicant contact the owner of the building to address the garbage issue. She has and the problem still exists. It was also suggested that she contact Code Compliance and let them handle it.

The Public Hearing was opened to comments from the public and Mr. Brian Flannery commented on this application. He said the fence does not conform to the historic sense of the neighborhood. He suggested a wood fence or lattice, or planting a high hedge such as a hemlock, for a natural barrier.

After the discussion, applicant decided to change the application to poured concrete for walkway in front of house and change fence to be a wood

Williamsburg style, board and batter.

A motion to approve the application as amended was made by Brigidanne Flynn and seconded by John Ledwith. The motion passed 6-0.

**AR 2009-23**

**210 Dubois Street**

To install a wood stockade fence, natural wood with wood preservative, on side and rear of property. Fence would be 6 feet high and 96 feet long, going the length of back and left side of property.

**Applicant: Alejandro Perez**

The Chairperson of the Board opened the Public Hearing by reading the text of the notice.

Andrea and Alejandro Perez would like to place a fence alongside their house, starting from the corner of the house and go along the back. A gate would be placed in front. It will be a stockade board and batten style, stained to match the exterior of the house. It will be light tan, 96 feet, back and left sides, 6 feet high.

There were no comments from the public in connection with this application.

A motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Brigidanne Flynn and seconded by Peter King. The motion carried 6-0.

**AR 2009-24**

**119 Liberty Street**

To place 2 or 3 temporary plastic sheds for garbage cans storage.

**Applicant: Michele Basch**

The Chairperson of the Board opened the Public Hearing by reading the text of the notice.

Applicant, Michele Basch, recused herself

Ms. Basch is requesting the Commission to allow the use of 2 horizontal vinyl sheds for garbage, to be placed temporarily alongside the building. There is no other area to place the sheds for now, this would be a temporary measure until the Cornerstone Building will allow her to share their space.

There were no comments from the public in connection with this application.

A motion was made to accept the application as presented was made by Paula Stevens and seconded by Brigidanne Flynn. The motion carried 5-0.

**AR 2009-25**

**22 Liberty Street**

To install new windows to replace three existing windows on front of building, second floor.

**Applicant: Samuel Clark**

The Chairperson of the Board opened the Public Hearing by reading the text of the notice.

A contractor took out the windows and Mr. Clark needs to replace them. He will replace the three windows with 1/1 wood, aluminum clad Anderson windows.

There were no comments from the public in connection with this application.

A motion was made to accept the application as presented by Peter King and seconded by John Ledwith. The motion was approved 6-0.

**AR 2009-26**

**47 Lander Street**

To change lower floor windows, Andersen 400 series, with wood grilles, install clapboard cedar siding on store front with a field stone look, front lower level, 40 feet by 10 feet and on left side of building, 10 by 10 feet, raise panels below each store front window, detail trim over each doorway with crown moldings, change exterior paint with 2 historic colors.

**Applicant: Patrick Navas**

The Chairperson of the Board opened the Public Hearing by reading the text of the notice.

Applicant would bring building back to original state. He presented many ideas that he wants to use to restore the building. However, the Commission, at this time, will only address what is in this application. Any other changes require a new application. Windows were already replaced and has a stop work order.

There were no comments from the public in connection with this application. Ms. Lynn Eberle, Historic Preservation Officer suggested applicant go to the engineer or tax office to see what building originally looked like.

A motion was brought by Brigidanne Flynn and seconded by Peter King to install 6 new Anderson windows, clapboard cedar siding on and finish detail on doorway, restoring copper overhang. Paint Colors to be used are Glidden Red Brick and Creamy Buttermilk. The motion was approved 6-0.

**AR 2009-27**

**118 Dubois Street**

To change 3 pillars on front porch to 8 inches round, white, vinyl coated wood, due to termites and lead paint.

**Applicant: Carolyn Jones**

The Chairperson of the Board opened the Public Hearing by reading the text of the notice.

Applicant was under the impression that the 12 inches diameter pillars are no longer made. However, the Commission suggested that she shop around, as the 12 inches are still made and to keep the wood pillars matching the detail of the rest of porch. Applicant decided to change application to replace pillars in kind with 3 wood pillars, 12 inches diameter, painted white.

There were no comments from the public in connection with this application

A motion to approve application as changed was made by Paula Stevens and seconded by Michele Basch. The application was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Brigidanne Flynn made a motion to accept the May 12, 2009 minutes, seconded by Paula Stevens. Motion carried 6-0.

## **DISCUSSION**

Maryanne Prokosh and Jane Johnston appeared to discuss putting art work on abandoned, boarded up buildings. Images would be printed on external vinyl and attached to plywood. That would be attached to the wood that boards the buildings' windows. They are before the Commission to get approval on the concept. They believe the art work would be more attractive to visitors instead of the grey boards that are in the windows now. John Ledwith did not think that we should be doing this for someone who owns the building and should be taking responsibility for maintaining the look of their building. Peter King suggested looking into the subject of the art. As part of the Historic District, certain types of artwork may not preserve the character of the area. It was also pointed out about the code. Grey boards are code, would art work violate the code. Peter King would like this to be thought out, decide what is the intent of the art, is it an attraction or to blend in, it needs to be cohesive.

It was decided that they need to come back with a formal application, with elaboration of details on the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Yours,

Joan Mason  
Secretary, Architectural Review Commission