

**CITY OF NEWBURGH  
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**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION**

Meeting of  
**August 13, 2013**

The regular meeting of the City of Newburgh **Architectural Review Commission** was held on **Tuesday, August 13, 2013**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh, New York.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AR 2013-38**

**93 Ann Street**

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

**Applicant: Douglas Barthel, Rock City Media**

**Owner: William Giametta**

**DISCUSSION**

Douglas Barthel of Rock City Media, appeared to discuss putting signs on this building and two others in the historic district. A billboard that is changeable will be placed on the sign. The sign will be 10 inches off the wall on the side of the building. The structure is steel and the sign is eco-vinyl. It can be taken down and recycled. The trim will be white. Mr. Barthel said that there will be no adult or alcohol content on the sign, and the advertisements will help restaurants and organizations. Brigidanne Flynn asked if the sign is taken off, will it hurt the masonry and questioned if it will fit into the historic district. Mr. Barthel said it will

be angled iron placed into the masonry and if it needs to be taken down, the masonry will just be filled in. He also said another system is to attach plates to the brick, it's easy to install, the ad covers the brackets so they are not seen and there is less damage to the building. Paula Stevens said she finds it inappropriate to have a billboard in the historic district. It doesn't fit in. The signs on the buildings now are advertising the businesses that are currently in the buildings. Michele Basch said she would like to see the sign for aesthetics to see if it would meld with the architecture. Mr. Barthel said that would be hard to do because the billboard could change. Tiffany Reis told the applicant that he would have to come before the Commission each time the billboard sign is changed to have the aesthetics and type be approved. Joseph Minuta said he would like to see an illustration showing the font size, colors, etc. John Ledwith suggested that the applicant think about the comments made by the Board members and come back.

A motion to table this application until the applicant provides further information, as discussed in the meeting, was made by Paula Stevens and seconded by Michele Basch.

The motion was approved 6-0.

**AR 2013-39**

**10 Liberty Street**

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

**Applicant: Douglas Barthes, Rock City Media**

**Owner: William Gambetta, Michelle Gambetta**

**DISCUSSION**

Douglas Barthes of Rock City Media appeared to discuss putting signs on this building and two others in the historic district. Since this application is basically the same as AR-2013-38, Mr. Barthes will take into consideration what was discussed previously and apply it to this application.

A motion to table this application until the applicant provides further information, as discussed in the meeting, was made by Paula Stevens and seconded by Michele Bausch.

The motion was approved 6-0.

**AR 2013-40**

**104 Broadway**

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

**Applicant: Douglas Barthes, Rock City Media**

**Owner: William Gambetta**

**DISCUSSION**

Douglas Barthes of Rock City Media appeared to discuss putting signs on this

building and two others in the historic district. Since this application is basically the same as AR-2013-38, Mr. Barthes will also take into consideration what was discussed previously and apply it to this application.

A motion to table this application until the applicant provides further information, as discussed in the meeting, was made by Christopher Tripoli and seconded by Paula Stevens.

The motion was approved 6-0.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**AR 2013-34**

**132 Fullerton Avenue**

To replace a section of porch roof.

**Applicant: Paul Depew, 132 Fullerton Avenue**

**LLC**

### **DISCUSSION**

Applicant did not appear to discuss this application.

**AR 2013-35**

**285 Broadway**

To repair and paint a decorative wood cornice; paint wood trim around windows on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors; repair stucco storefront and paint; replace aluminum door, and double pane window.

**Applicant: George Kaknis, Kaknis Properties, Inc.**

### **DISCUSSION**

George Kaknis appeared to discuss this application. He wants to change the colors of the painted portions. The building had a fire in it and the stucco is peeling. He will patch the stucco, paint it Lancaster White, replace the glass on the storefront door and window with a double pane insulated glass. The cornice will be repaired, and along with window trims and door to the apartments, will be painted Great Barrington Green. The sign that is there now will be taken down.

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

A motion to approve this application to repair and paint wood trim Great Barrington Green, repair stucco storefront and paint base of building Lancaster White, and replace all glazing on storefront window and door, was made by Brigidanne Flynn and seconded by Joseph Minuta.

The motion was approved 6-0.

**AR 2013-36**

**157 Renwick Street**

To install replacement windows.

**Applicant: Christine Mosquera**

**Owner: Micaela Mosquera**

### **DISCUSSION**

Christine Mosquera appeared to discuss this application. She already installed 7 of the 9 windows on the top floor then found out she had to come before the Board for approval. There are a total of 16 that need to be replaced. The installed replacements are from Window World and are double hung vinyl windows.

Brigidanne Flynn told her the standard replacement window is aluminum or vinyl clad wood. Ms. Mosquera said she didn't think that Window World would give her a refund. John Ledwith said he understood the situation, but he didn't want to set a precedent to have vinyl, then all will want vinyl and that is not historically correct. He suggested she ask the salesman if the windows are returnable and if he will take them back. He suggested tabling the application so the applicant can see what Window World will do for her. He also told the applicant that if Window World would not refund her money, she will need a letter stating so.

The Public Hearing was held open.

A motion to table this application until the applicant provides further information as discussed in the meeting, was made by Brigidanne Flynn and seconded by Michele Basch.

The motion was approved 6-0.

### **Minutes of the July Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting was made by Paula Stevens and seconded by Michele Basch.

The motion was carried 5-0, with Joseph Minuta abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Joan Mason  
Secretary  
Architectural Review Commission