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SCENIC & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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AGENDA

S&H Case No.: 35-25
2627 Genesee Street
Applicant: Jerry Briggs
Owner: Jerry Briggs

Zone: S&H
Cert. of Appropriateness

In accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2-29-44 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to make exterior improvements at the above referenced property.

The applicant is proposing to replace the original 1 ½” thick stucco with the same color beige EIFS. All of the windows will be removed and replaced. The front left pad will be removed. The front south wall/windows will be demolished and repair the structure/overhang. The front of home will be reconfigured. The front entrance will be restructured with addition of stone. The front door will be replaced with a full glass door with glass side panels.

At the April 27th meeting, the Commission voted to approve the proposal for the addition, however, tabled the changes to exterior finishes and window replacement contingent upon updated drawings to reflect the changes drawn on the plan by the Commission which specified inclusion of brick on the main structure first floor, two windows to match the existing openings and wood window trim to all of the windows. The applicant has submitted to options for review by the Commission.

S&H Case No.: 04-26
2113 Genesee Street
Applicant: Paul Serianni
Owner: Heather Hawley

Zone: S&H
Cert. of Appropriateness

In accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2-29-44 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to install signage at the above referenced location.

The applicant is proposing to add signage at the property for the Cornerstone Planning Group. The proposed sign will be 144” x 79”. The base will be a stone wall with the sign face incorporated into the wall. The sign will have “2113” at the top and will read “Cornerstone Planning Group, Inc. Financial, Tax and Estate Planning for your family’s future.” The face of the sign will be shades of brown.

The applicant will be required to receive an area variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the size of the sign. 60 sf is the maximum size free-standing sign allowed in a Neighborhood Mixed Use zoning

district. Including both sides of the proposed sign, the applicant is proposing 156 sf.

At the April 27th meeting, the Commission voted to table the proposal for the sign and requested an updated plan reducing the column portion of the sign to at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the original size proposed; the sign shall be rotated to have the heavier side of the sign toward the business; no lighting on the top of the sign; and add either gooseneck lighting fixtures or up lighting from the ground.

The applicant has submitted an updated rendering of the proposed sign which will be 136.5 sf. The proposed sign has been restyled with a smaller column portion on the sign along with the change in orientation of the sign. A light is still present at the top of the column.

S&H Case No.: 07-26

203-205 Rutger Street

Applicant: Plan Architectural Studio, P.C.

Owner: The Rescue Mission of Utica

Zone: S&H

Cert. of Appropriateness

In accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2-29-44 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to make exterior improvements at the above referenced property.

The applicant is proposing:

1. The existing northwest corner exterior porch will be removed and a new raised porch will be constructed with a covered roof canopy. Existing north façade T-111 siding will be re-clad with LP nickel gap siding.
2. A new northwest corner addition will be constructed for resident ADA bathrooms, clad with 8” nominal LP horizontal nickel gap wood siding, and 5/4 x 4 window and door trim (painted). Ground face decorative CMU water table at new addition. Marvin aluminum-clad wood ultimate windows at new addition and at 30 other locations throughout the exterior where windows were not recently replaced. Siding and trim color is LP Desert Stone or Quarry Gray.
3. A new east façade egress stair addition down to existing basement will be constructed and installed beneath existing exterior steel fire escape stair. The new east stair addition will be clad with brick veneer and painted to match adjacent brick façade. Brick veneer color to match existing painted brick façade
4. The remainder of the building exterior will undergo repairs to brick façade, wood trim, soffits, and cornices.
5. The roof will be replaced with a new fully adhered EPDM roofing system.
6. The northwest exterior area will be improved with new concrete sidewalks and lawn area.
7. The entire building exterior, including brick façade, wood trim, cornice, brackets, soffits, will be repainted. Body color shall match existing. Trim color shall be similar to Sherwin-Williams Brainstorm Bronze.
8. The existing east dorm wing will have its original large brick opening restored and a new aluminum storefront installed.