



# Department of Planning, Zoning, & Historic Preservation

SUMMARY OF MINUTES THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON THE COMMISSION ON ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> March 5, 2024	<b>LOCATION:</b> City Hall; 38 Hawley St, Binghamton, NY. 13901
<b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b> 12:15 p.m.	<b>RECORDER OF MINUTES:</b> Dylan Pelton

ROLL CALL		
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
J. Darrow (chair)	X	
M.E. Mauro		X
D. Nead		X
J. Weissberg	X	
D. Whalen	X	
B. Haas	X	
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	TITLE & DEPARTMENT:	
J. Berling	Director, Planning Department	
S. Patel	City Planner, Planning Department	
D. Pelton	Historic Preservation Planner, Planning Department	
N. Ballard	Commissioner of Parks & Recreation	
R. Heary	Corporate Council	
R. Cavanaugh	City Council	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
<b>MOTION:</b> To approve the minutes as recorded for the January 2, 2024 CAUD meeting		
<b>FIRST:</b> J. Darrow	<b>SECOND:</b> D. Whalen	<b>VOTE:</b> (3-0-1)
<b>AYE(S):</b> J. Darrow, D. Whalen, B. Hass	<b>NAY(S):</b> None	<b>ABSTENTION(S):</b> J. Weissberg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
<b>MOTION:</b> To approve the minutes as recorded for the February 6, 2024 CAUD meeting		
<b>FIRST:</b> D. Whalen	<b>SECOND:</b> B. Haas	<b>VOTE:</b> (3-0-1)
<b>AYE(S):</b> J. Weissberg, D. Whalen, B. Hass	<b>NAY(S):</b> None	<b>ABSTENTION(S):</b> J. Darrow

BUSINESS ITEM	
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 1 Water Street	<b>CASE NUMBER:</b> CAUD-2024-3
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> The applicant, Caitlyn Davey, would like to install a community message board on the interior of the tunnel at Confluence Park.	
<b>Certificate of Appropriateness</b>	
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS &amp; THOSE SPEAKING:</b>	

- Applicant wants to activate the space by painting mural and adding a message board.
- Applicant would like to paint the whole tunnel in tiers or stages if possible.
- Applicant asked the Department of Environmental Conservation for approval and received it.
- Commissioner asks if it is the whole tunnel, both sides, in it's entirety.
- Applicant states that by May she expects to have the resources to paint half the tunnel to the end.
- Applicant states it would not include plexiglass as the Parks Department did not want glass from the board to be included in the design.
- Commissioner asks if the board would run the length of the tunnel.
- Applicant states that the board would not run the length of the tunnel but would only extend on one end approximately 8 feet.
- Staff asks the exact dimensions of the panels for the message board.
- Applicant states that the message board would be approximately 2 ½ feet by 8 feet on two panels.
- Commissioner states that the applicant must submit the entire mural to the commission in order for a formal decision to be made.
- Applicant states that vandalism is a natural process of public spaces, and she will check on it sporadically as she does not live in the area.
- Commissioner states that the type of paint used needs to be specified before it is voted on as well.
- Project was tabled until full review could be done on the entire mural in the tunnel.

<b>BUSINESS ITEM</b>		
<b>ADDRESS: 188 Court Street</b>		<b>CASE NUMBER: CAUD-2024-4</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> The applicant, Phillip Akel, would like to demolish the residential structure and replace it with a parking lot.		
<b>Determination of Significance</b>		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS &amp; THOSE SPEAKING:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff deferred judgement of significance to the state SHPO office for review because of the building's proximity to the Phelps Mansion, a state and national recognized building. Because of this, it is a type 1 SEQR action, so pending the state's decision, the case should be tabled until they make their determination.</li> </ul>		
<b>VOTING</b>		
<b>MOTION: To table the project pending NY state SHPO review.</b>		
<b>FIRST: J. Darrow</b>	<b>SECOND: J. Weissberg</b>	<b>VOTE: (4-0-0)</b>
<b>AYE(S): J. Darrow, D. Whalen, J. Weissberg, B. Haas</b>	<b>NAY(S): None</b>	<b>ABSTENTION(S): None</b>

<b>BUSINESS ITEM</b>		
<b>ADDRESS: 99 Collier Street</b>		<b>CASE NUMBER: CAUD-2024-5</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:</b> The applicant, Tamer Osman, would like to install a sign above his business.		
<b>Certificate of Appropriateness</b>		
<b>DISCUSSION POINTS &amp; THOSE SPEAKING:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff states that Brian Haas must recuse himself from voting because he works for the client.</li> <li>• Brian Haas recuses himself from the case.</li> <li>• Applicant states that there are two renderings for the sign. One is a black logo, and the other is an orange and white logo.</li> <li>• Staff states that the sign will be in the same place as former Citizens Bank sign.</li> <li>• Commissioner states there is no problem with the sign, but without quorum a motion cannot be voted on.</li> </ul>		

- Commission proceeds to garner an opinion as to if the sign is appropriate or not.
- Commission agrees that it is indeed appropriate, but a motion will have to wait until the next meeting of the CAUD commission.
- Motion to table the case until the next meeting.

**VOTING**

**MOTION: To adjourn this session of the CAUD commission.**

**FIRST: J. Darrow**

**SECOND: J. Weissberg**

**VOTE: (4-0-0)**

**AYE(S): J. Darrow, D. Whalen, J. Weissberg, B. Haas**

**NAY(S): None**

**ABSTENTION(S): None**