



Department of Planning, Housing, & Community Development

Mayor, Richard C. David
Director, Dr. Juliet Berling

SUMMARY OF MINUTES THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON THE COMMISSION ON ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN	
MEETING DATE: February 9, 2021	LOCATION: Planning Conference Room, City Hall; GoToWebinar
CALLED TO ORDER: 12:05 p.m.	RECORDER OF MINUTES: S. McGee

ROLL CALL		
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
K. Ellsworth (chair)	X	
J. Darrow (vice-chair)	X	
M. E. Mauro	X	
M. Atchie	X	
M. Lombardini	X	
P. Klosky		X
S. Edwards		X
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	TITLE & DEPARTMENT:	
J. Berling	Director, Planning Department	
S. McGee	Historic Preservation & Neighborhood Planner, Planning Department	
O. Varughese	Planner, Planning Department	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
MOTION: To approve the December 1, 2020 CAUD regular meeting minutes.		
FIRST: M. E. Mauro	SECOND: M. Atchie	VOTE: PASSED (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None

BUSINESS ITEM	
ADDRESS: 31 Court Street	CASE NUMBER: CAUD-2021-01
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Certificate of Appropriateness	
DISCUSSION POINTS & THOSE SPEAKING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff presented the application. • The Commission discussed the options presented. • E. Olsen provided additional information about the options presented. • The Commission expressed a clear preference for the sign on the awning. • The Commission discussed the panel box sign. • M. Lombardini mentioned the massing. • The Commission discussed the window sign and the Commission's previous decisions. 	

- The applicant requested that the Commission express, of the options presented, what met CAUD’s guidelines.
- M. Lombardini mentioned moving the canopy up in height.
- E. Olsen spoke about minimizing the impact on the façade. He mentioned that the canopy would likely rest higher on the building than shown on the rendering.
- The Commission issued a motion regarding the wall sign.
- K. Ellsworth spoke about setting precedent in regard to the window sign. The other commissioners agreed with K. Ellsworth’s concern.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
 ▪ Eric Olsen, 3i Graphics, speaking on behalf of the application.

VOTING

MOTION: To approve the canopy design with following condition:

- The owner will ensure that the bottom of the canopy will align with the top of the doorframe so as to allow the door to open unobstructed and allow pedestrians to walk along the sidewalk unobstructed.

FIRST: M. Lombardini	SECOND: M. E. Mauro	VOTE: (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None

MOTION: To deny the pink neon window sign based on the Historic Design Guidelines and precedent as it is an illuminated box sign.

FIRST: K. Ellsworth	SECOND: J. Darrow	VOTE: (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None

BUSINESS ITEM

ADDRESS: 49 Court Street **CASE NUMBER: CAUD-2021-02**

DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:
Certificate of Appropriateness

DISCUSSION POINTS & THOSE SPEAKING:

- Staff presented the application.
- The Commission did not have further comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
 ▪ Joe Holland, Matzo Electric Signs, speaking on behalf of the application.

VOTING

MOTION: To approve the application as presented.

FIRST: J. Darrow	SECOND: M. Lombardini	VOTE: (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None

BUSINESS ITEM

ADDRESS: 84 Court Street **CASE NUMBER: CAUD-2021-03**

DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:
Certificate of Appropriateness

DISCUSSION POINTS & THOSE SPEAKING:

- Staff presented the application.
- M. Lombardini asked about the location of the signs.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff clarified. • The Commission discussed the white background of the graphics presented. • The applicant provided details about why the white background was chosen. • The Commission discussed alternatives. • J. Holland provided an alternative design. • The Commission indicated the alternative was a better design. • J. Holland indicated he could revise the rendering during the meeting and present it in a few minutes. • The Commission tabled the application. • The applicant provided a revised proposal. 		
PUBLIC COMMENT:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joe Holland, Matzo Electric Signs, speaking on behalf of the application. 		
VOTING		
MOTION: To table the application while the applicant revises the proposal.		
FIRST: K. Ellsworth	SECOND: J. Darrow	VOTE: (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None
MOTION: To approve the revised window signs as presented.		
FIRST: M. Lombardini	SECOND: J. Darrow	VOTE: (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None

BUSINESS ITEM		
ADDRESS: 12 Broad Avenue	CASE NUMBER: CAUD-2021-04	
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA:		
Determination of Historical Significance for Demolition		
DISCUSSION POINTS & THOSE SPEAKING:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff presented the application. • J. Darrow asked about receiving interior condition photos in the future. 		
PUBLIC COMMENT:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 		
VOTING		
MOTION: To issue a Determination of No Historical Significance.		
FIRST: M. Lombardini	SECOND: M.E. Mauro	VOTE: (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None
SEQR DETERMINATION		
ADDRESS: 12 Broad Avenue	CASE NUMBER: CAUD-2021-04	
DESCRIPTION FROM AGENDA: Determination of Historical Significance for Demolition		
DISCUSSION POINTS: See above.		
VOTING		
MOTION: Motion to declare CAUD as Lead Agency for historic review purposes.		
FIRST: K. Ellsworth	SECOND: J. Darrow	VOTE: (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None
MOTION: Motion to declare the action as an Unlisted Action.		

FIRST: K. Ellsworth	SECOND: J. Darrow	VOTE: PASSED (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None
MOTION: The Commission then reviewed all relevant SEQR criteria and found no or small impact for each. Motion to issue a Negative Declaration for 12 Broad Avenue. Voice vote, no on all criteria.		
FIRST: M. E. Mauro	SECOND: J. Darrow	VOTE: PASSED (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None

OTHER BUSINESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAUD commissioner vacancies.

ADJOURNMENT		
Motion to adjourn.	TIME: 1:02 p.m.	
FIRST: J. Darrow	SECOND: M. Lombardini	VOTE: (5-0-0)
AYE(S): All	NAY(S): None	ABSTENTION(S): None