

**MINUTES OF CITY OF AUBURN PLANNING BOARD  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 6:30 PM  
MEMORIAL CITY HALL  
AUBURN, NY**

Present: Crystal Cosentino, Chairperson  
Andy Tehan  
Karen Walter  
Theresa Walsh

Absent: Jenna Powers

Staff: Stephen Selvek, Deputy Director of Planning and Development  
Nate Garland, Corporation Counsel

**Agenda Items:**

1. Approval of the July 5, 2023 Planning Board Meeting Minutes – *Board Action: Approved*
2. Site Plan Review for the West End Arts Campus project at 203 & 205 Genesee Street. – *Board Action: Approved*

Meeting Call to order: 6:30p

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of the July 5, 2023 Planning Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion by: Andy and Second by: Theresa

All in Favor, None Opposed, Motion Carried

**Agenda Item 2: Site Plan Review for the West End Arts Campus project: Construct a new parking lot and site improvements, including landscaping, pedestrian amenities, stormwater management and modifications at 203 Genesee Street, together with, construction of a 1,046 SF building addition and site improvements, including new parking layout, landscaping, pedestrian amenities, stormwater management and modifications at 205 Genesee Street Applicants: Kirsten Gosch for the Cayuga Museum and Donna Lamb for Schweinfurth Art Center.**

Staff confirms that the board initially saw these plans at the June Planning Board meeting and acknowledges previous comments about the missing curbing along Washington Street. The plan was then tabled in June because final plans were submitted to NYS Historic Preservation Office and review is underway. SHPO expressed no significant concerns with the board moving forward.

Staff recommends the Short EAF for Cayuga Museum and Schweinfurth be considered as one, because they share physical connection and timeframe for construction. Both SEAFs determine there is no impact or only a small environmental impact.

Staff provided background on the Site Plan Review and reviewed the EAF with the Board. There will be several site improvements in the downtown zoning district; renovated driveway paved driveway and parking area, curbs, sidewalks, outdoor seating area, sanitary connection improvements, screened dumpster enclosure, and landscaping.

OPRHP's opinion is the project will have no adverse environmental impact. Drawings have been submitted to OPRHP.

Staff notes that a draft of the SEQRA resolution issuing a Negative Declaration is included in the packet. Staff reviews the Site Plan Resolution for approval of the plan with modifications as listed for each site. Staff recommends issuing a Negative Declaration and approving the plans presented in June with modifications.

Theresa asks for clarification on "unlisted actions". Staff explains it's an action that is not pre-determined to have an impact on the environment.

A motion to adopt the SEQRA resolution issuing a Negative Declaration was made by: Theresa and Second by: Andy

All in Favor, None Opposed, Motion Carried

A motion to adopt the resolution approving the site plan with modifications was made by: Karen and Second by: Theresa

All in Favor, None Opposed, Motion Carried

A motion to adjourn was made by: Theresa and Second by Karen

All in Favor, None Opposed, Motion Carried

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2023 at 6:30p.

Meeting adjourned 6:41pm

Minutes prepared by: A. Teucke