



PROJECT # 00411

Applications	COA # 0914
Property Address	257 South Pearl Street
Property Owner	Capital City Rescue Mission
Historic District	Mansion
Request	Concept Review
Proposal	Replace non-original windows and metal insert panels with new 1-over-1 aluminum sash windows and EIFS insert panels.

Notes/Comments:

The applicant is proposing to construct a four-story addition to an existing two-story structure. The proposal also includes the demolition of a non-contributing structure at 80a Trinity Place. The addition will connect to the existing 2-story structure on the first floor at the northwest corner.

The proposed addition will measure 49' in height, 69'-3 1/2" wide, and 131'-6 1/2" deep. The addition along Trinity Place will be built at the lot line at the northwest corner to match the setback of the neighboring buildings in the Mansion historic district and be setback 10' from the property line at the southwest corner. The proposed rear wall will be setback from North Pearl Street. The building will feature brick veneer and EIFS panel cladding, single lite fixed and 2-lite slider windows, cornice with dentils, a raised patio along the rear, east elevation, and brick fence with metal railing and brick piers along the west, Trinity Place elevation.

The applicant has not provided materials specifications for the exterior cladding, windows, and cornice.

At this time, the applicant is seeking comments and feedback from the Commission. The proposed addition requires a Conditional Use Permit and Development Plan Review from the Planning Board. The proposal will also be reviewed under SEQR.

Review Consideration for Certificate of Appropriateness Review:

- 375-2(F)(1)(c): General Guidelines
- 375-2(F)(1)(d): Rehabilitation Guidelines

Section 375-2 Zoning Districts	
Section 375-2(F) Overlay Districts	
Section 375-2(F)(1) HR-O Historic Resources Overlay	
(c)	GENERAL GUIDELINES
(i)	The general design and character of the proposed alteration or new construction should be compatible with the building and historic district.
(ii)	The scale of the proposed alteration or new construction should relate to the building itself, surrounding buildings, the neighborhood and the historic district.
(iii)	Texture, materials and color should relate to similar features of other structures in the neighborhood.
(iv)	Changes should be visually compatible with surrounding buildings, including the proportion of the building's front façade, the proportion and arrangement of windows and other openings within the façade, the roof shape and the rhythm and spacing of buildings on streets, including setbacks.
(v)	Compatible materials and colors that are either similar to or visually quiet in relation to traditional ones used in the area should be used in new construction or when restoration of original materials is impossible. Inappropriate contemporary materials, including those that attempt fake antiquity or rusticity (e.g., unpainted natural wood, reused common brick, undressed stone or asphalt, aluminum or vinyl siding), are discouraged and are specifically prohibited on front façades and within front setback areas. When appropriate traditional materials cannot be duplicated, preference should be given to contemporary materials, used in a straightforward manner, which blend well with the traditional context of the district or modern materials that achieve the same level of detail.
(vi)	Grounds for considering a proposed design inappropriate would include arresting and spectacular effects, violent contrasts of materials or colors or intense colors or a multiplicity or incongruity of details resulting in a disturbing appearance.
(d)	REHABILITATION GUIDELINES
The following standards for rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings are adopted by the Historic Resources Commission to the extent that they affect exterior alterations:	
(i)	Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property that requires minimal alteration of the building, structure or site and its environment.
(ii)	The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided whenever possible.
(iii)	All buildings, structures and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations that have no historic basis and that seek to create an earlier appearance shall be discouraged.
(iv)	Changes that may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right, and this significance shall be recognized and respected.
(v)	Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize a building, structure or site shall be treated with sensitivity.
(vi)	Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced whenever possible. In the event that replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplication of features, substantiated by historic, physical or pictorial evidence, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.
(vii)	The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting, pressure grit washing and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building materials shall not be undertaken.
(viii)	Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and preserve archaeological resources affected by or adjacent to any project.
(ix)	Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when

	such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural or cultural material and when such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material and character of the property, neighborhood or environment.
(x)	Wherever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that, if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would be unimpaired.
(xi)	Windows
A.	Original windows should be repaired rather than replaced whenever possible.
B.	A replacement window should match the size of the original opening in width, length and depth of placement and should be constructed in the configuration of the existing or original window (i.e., double-hung sash, 2/2, 6/1, 6/6, etc.). In the event that a previously altered, non-compatible window is being replaced on a street-facing façade, the new window should conform with the original opening and be of a style, color and material appropriate to the building. When there is no evidence of the original window, the new one should be complementary to the building design.
C.	The use of interior storm windows is encouraged, but exterior metal or vinyl storm windows the same size as the opening and of an appropriate color are acceptable.
(xii)	Stoops
A.	Brownstone stoops should be repaired rather than replaced. In the event that portions must be replaced, repair materials should match the color of and closely resemble the existing materials. Replacements for brownstone stoops should be of stone or be entirely cast in tinted concrete and should match the color, placement, size, scale and design of originals as closely as possible.
B.	Replacement wooden stoops should match the size, scale, design and placement of the originals or should be appropriate to the original design of the buildings to which they are attached. Each stoop should be painted with a color appropriate to the individual building and the surrounding district.
C.	The consistent rhythm of projecting entrance stoops is an important characteristic of the streetscape in historic areas and should be maintained.
(xiii)	Rails
	When appropriate, original wrought iron rails should be retained when new stoops are built. In the event that a rail is missing, the new rail should be custom-made to be compatible with the style of the building or the surrounding district, where practicable, or be a modern non-decorative rail or a salvaged historic rail appropriate to the style of the building.
(xiv)	Paint and Other Materials
A.	Retention and/or restoration of old materials and original colors is encouraged. Removal or covering over, including painting, of historic and previously unpainted materials is to be avoided whenever practicable.
B.	Historically, Albany common brick was painted; therefore, it should be painted. Harder pressed or face brick was not painted; therefore, these types of brick should be left unpainted.
C.	All exterior paint colors shall be selected by the applicant or the owner. Such color selections shall be reviewed by the Chief Planning Official or his/her designee for consistency with the provisions of this Section 375-2(F)(1).
(xv)	Doors
	Original doors should be repaired rather than replaced whenever possible. A replacement door should be constructed to fit the entire original opening in length, width, depth of placement and style or configuration.