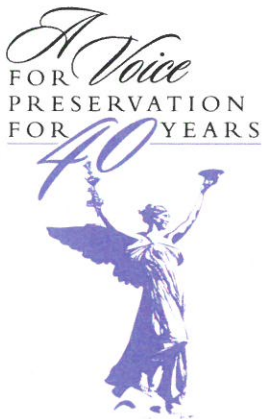


October 1, 2018



Ms. Tamie Ehinger, Chair
Design Review Commission
City Hall
474 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

RE: 34 Circular Street – Garage - New Construction

Dear Tamie,

The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation previously reviewed and provided comments on the application for the construction of a new garage at 34 Circular Street on July 31, 2018 (see attached). The Foundation again found it difficult to review the application because it remains incomplete. There were no detailed specifications for the windows, shutters, and overhead doors provided in the application

The site of the proposed new garage is located in the Casino/Congress Park/Circular Street Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house at 34 Circular Street was built by David A. Harsha in the Italianate style in 1870.

As previously stated, the Foundation does not object to the construction of a new contextual garage nor does it object to the proposed location. The Foundation remains concerned that the proposed design of the garage does not generally reflect the style of the historic primary structure. The proposed style is more appropriate for a suburban neighborhood.

It should be noted that per the Historic District Design Guidelines for Windows and Doors that “shutters should fit the size of the window openings and be operable. Those that are installed for appearance only should appear as though they are functional.”

Prior to granting approval, the Foundation respectfully requests that the Design Review Commission consider the Foundation’s concerns regarding the proposed design of the building not generally reflecting the style of the primary structure and require further information regarding the windows, shutters, and overhead doors. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Matthew E. Veitch
President

Samantha Bosshart
Executive Director

Cc: Charles Montano, Applicant
Bradley Birge, Administrator of the Office of Planning and Economic Development