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SCENIC & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 4:00 PM
AGENDA

S&H Case No.: COA-26-0001
1109 Parkway East
Applicant: Walker Vreeland
Owner: Danielle Smith/Seth Wainer

Zone: S&H
Cert. of Appropriateness

In accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2-29-44 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to install solar panels on the roof at the above referenced property.

The applicant proposes to install an 18.480 KW DC residential roof-mounted solar array consisting of 42 black, low-profile panels on five roof slopes. The panels sit parallel to the roof and sit 3.5" off the roof. The panels are black with non-reflective glass covering them.

The installation will not require demolition or alteration of the existing roof, which is in good condition, and aims to provide cleaner energy and reduce reliance on National Grid's electrical rates.

S&H Case No.: COA – 26-0003
2807 Genesee Street
Applicant: Charles Cu
Owner: Tony Van Cu

Zone: S&H
Cert. of Appropriateness

In accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2-29-44 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to make exterior improvements at the above referenced property.

The applicant is proposing to pave the driveway, which recently has crushed stone and partial paving. The applicant is also seeking approval for the installation of a 4' high chain link fence to run along the north side property line parallel with the driveway. In accordance with Section 2-29-185 (d)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the proposed fence will be not be permitted to extend out beyond the front edge of the structure.

The garage roof in the rear of the property will be repaired with new plywood and new shingles.

S&H Case No.: COA – 26-0008
119 Pleasant Street
Applicant: Gary Jones
Owner: Gary Jones

Zone: S&H
Cert. of Appropriateness

In accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2-29-44 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to make exterior improvements at the above referenced property.

The applicant proposes to replace all six first-level front windows with white double-hung replacements that are compatible with the house's historic character. The existing windows are original, very old, non-energy efficient, and painted with what appears to be lead-based paint. The proposed windows will match the size of the existing windows.

S&H Case No.: COA – 26-0009
2817 Genesee Street
Applicant: Kyle Barker
Owner: Arrow Bank

Zone: S&H
Cert. of Appropriateness

In accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2-29-44 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to install signage at the above referenced property.

The applicant is proposing to remove the existing freestanding electronic message board/Adirondack Bank sign and replace it with a new internally illuminated, double-faced Arrow Bank monument sign featuring updated branding. The new sign will be similar in size and placement to the existing one, ensuring compatibility with the property's current appearance and historic character. The proposed work also includes removal of two exterior signs and an ATM wrap, with no changes to the building or site use.

The existing sign is approximately 9.5' high. The proposed sign will be 6'8" in height above the 36" existing brick base. The sign will be approximately 8' wide.

S&H Case No.: COA – 26-0010
185-189 Genesee Street
Applicant: Kyle Barker
Owner: Arrow Bank

Zone: S&H
Cert. of Appropriateness

In accordance with the requirements contained in Section 2-29-44 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Utica, the applicant is seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness in order to install signage at the above referenced property.

The proposed work consists of the removal of existing Adirondack Bank exterior signage and related branding elements and the installation of new Arrow Bank signage and architectural branding. Wherever possible, existing mounting locations, electrical connections, and structural components will be reused to minimize disturbance to the existing building façade.

1. Existing Signage Removal: Remove six (6) existing exterior signs, one (1) awning, and the existing ATM/vestibule wrap. Existing pin-mounted letters will be carefully removed, and all resulting mounting holes will be properly filled and sealed with exterior-grade caulk.

2. Main Entrance/Raceway Sign: The existing large illuminated raceway sign will be modified or rebuilt to accommodate the new Arrow Bank branding. IMS will coordinate with Kasis Sign to determine whether the existing raceway cabinet can remain in place while replacing only the face/finish components and dimensional lettering. Reusing the existing raceway is preferred to avoid disturbing the existing flashing and to allow reuse of the current electrical infrastructure.
3. Awning and Upper Signage Removal: Remove the existing awning, black sign located above the awning, and the large pin-mounted Adirondack Bank letters above the entrance. All penetrations resulting from removal will be filled and weather-sealed.
4. Corner Building Sign: Remove the existing corner building identification sign and replace it with a new approximately 8'-0" x 3'-0" x 1" thick dimensional sign featuring Arrow Bank branding. The new sign is anticipated to be fabricated from HDU or Komacel with an aluminum frame.
5. Side Entrance Sign: Remove and replace the existing side door identification sign with a new approximately 5'-0" x 2'-0" pin-mounted dimensional HDU or metal Arrow Bank sign.
6. Rear Entrance Sign: Remove and replace the existing rear door sign with a new approximately 59" x 28" DiBond sign with dimensional lettering.