114 W. North Avenue  MWS Historic District Expansion

Owner: United Methodist Church Union
971 Beech Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15233

Ward: 22nd
Lot and Block: 23-K-418

Applicant: Maggie Connor
1/1 Studio
1411 Arch Street
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212

Inspector:
Council District: 6th
Application Received: 10/15/21

National Register Status: Listed: X Eligible:
Proposed Changes: Demolition of existing church building and new construction.

Discussion:

1. Ms. Maggie Connor speaks as the architect for the project. She also introduces her colleague Mr. Don Kaliszewski. She goes through the updated presentation.

2. Mr. Don Kaliszewski goes through the updated plans and elevations.

3. Ms. Aguirre asks for public comment; there is none. She asks for comments and questions from Commissioners.

4. Ms. Loysen asks about the brick detail and how modern or not the elevations will end up looking.

5. Mr. Kaliszewski states that they have been thinking a lot about the detailing. He states that for the large arch on the front they are looking to use pre-manufactured brick that will come in pieces but look very traditional. He states that they will be looking to join the brick veneer and masonry in a modern way.

6. Ms. Aguirre asks to view the site plan, as last time there was a lot of discussion about access to the site.

7. Ms. Connor talks about access to the site.

8. Ms. Aguirre states that the additional information provided has been helpful. She recommends that the Commission approve the general direction of the project, and table the application for submission of all the final details.

9. Mr. Falcone states that he is still mulling over the townie and the setback at the top. He states that he doesn’t know how to address that, although making that element larger was discussed. He states that the corner is so prominent, and asks if they explored any other options.
10. Mr. Kaliszewski states that they have explored other options, but they found that there is only so far they can go while keeping the residential character of the buildings. He states that they can continue to look at the cupola and the detailing.

11. Ms. Quinn suggests that the applicants bring several options to the next hearing.

12. The Commission discusses the application.

**Motion:**

1. Ms. Loysen moves to table the application for 30 days.

2. Mr. Falcone seconds.

3. Ms. Aguirre asks for a vote; all are in favor and motion carries. Mr. Dash stepped away and did not vote.