

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002 AT 6:30 P.M.

## MINUTES OF THE RP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 20, 2002

Chairman Al Zaccone called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was sent to The Record on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001, and to the Jersey Journal on the 31st day of December, 2001. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Al Zaccone, Ed Arcari, Ed Holmberg and Robert Olson.

The minutes of the January 16, 2002, meeting were approved.

**New Business: NYC Tanning**, (178 Main Street, Errol Bekirov, businessowner). The application fee of \$45.00 was received. The application is to reface the existing sign. The existing sign was light blue with yellow writing, the business is no longer called Sun Factory and Mr. Bekirov would like to have the sign refaced in the same exact sign. The current sign is metal and a temporary banner is on the store right now. Mr. Bekirov would like to have a black background with light blue writing. Al Zaccone said he would prefer a dark blue background.

The Commission would like to have the glass brought back to the hexagon design. The storefront will not be painted. Al Zaccone said he would suggest that the storefront itself be painted and the bracket removed and getting rid of the blacked out glass and have it scraped clean.

Al Zaccone said midnight or navy blue with white lettering would be acceptable. Al Zaccone informed Mr. Bekirov that if there is any question as to the color, the signmaker could contact him directly for approval. As far as the trim on the door, Al Zaccone would suggest a dark color on the trim but the door could be in a lighter color. Al Zaccone said the color scheme for the trim and door could be submitted directly to him for approval. Burgundy or brick red would be colors acceptable to the Commission. Ed Arcari suggested a white border be put on the sign just to make it look better.

Al Zaccone made a motion, which was seconded by Ed Arcari, that the application for refacing the existing sign to read NYC Tanning with the telephone number below, is approved as white lettering and white border on a navy or midnight blue background; the size of the sign will match the existing sign with the additional conditions that the door and storefront trim be painted a burgundy or brick red color; that the hexagon windows above the storefront be cleaned and

the obsolete bracket from an old projecting sign on the northerly side be removed and the face patched. All were in favor of this motion.

Al Zaccone said that the applicant should understand that only the sign was approved and the minor repair work and there is no approval for any other signage placed or painted on the windows. Any work done will need permits from the Building Department.

**RP Animal Hospital,** (199 Main Street, Dr. Paul K. Kim, 215 Main Street, and Donna Huppert, 215 Main Street). The application is for a new sign. The sign will be forest green with gold leaf lettering. The sign will be located in the center of the building. The awning will be removed. The storefront will stay as is. The windows will also remain the same. There will be blinds on the inside. Al Zaccone suggested that Dr. Kim show whatever he is putting in the window be first shown to the Commission since anything put on the inside has to be a certain distance from the window. The Commission also advised Dr. Kim that one-inch horizontal blinds in a neutral color or beige would be acceptable to this Commission. Shades would have to be submitted to the Commission for approval. There will be no other signage on the building.

The proposed sign is 20 ft x 3 ft. The Commission suggested that Dr. Kim first get approval from the Building Department for the size of the sign, as this sign appears to exceed the allowed 50 sq. ft.

Al Zaccone made a motion, which was seconded by Ed Holmberg, that the application for the sign for RP Animal Hospital be approved as submitted with the following conditions: that it will be lighted as indicated with five gooseneck sconces (forest green in color); that the conduit for the electrical work is installed in a neat plumb and square manner; that the sign itself along with the lights is going to be a forest green, the lettering and trim is going to be gold; that the overall size of the sign does not exceed 50 sq. ft.; that the sign is going to be installed at the center of the overall building façade; that the cement parging on either side of the sign on the existing building is painted to match the existing brickwork; that the existing awning and frame and existing sign and existing protruding brackets are removed and all surfaces patched to match surrounding surfaces; that there is no signage being proposed for the windows and that any blinds or interior decoration or window treatment be submitted before this Board for approval prior to their being installed. All were in favor of this motion.

**Dollar Dreams-** (183-185 Main Street) An application was submitted for a new sign on this building. The proposed sign will be teal, pink and silver in color and 78 inches x 50 ft. and completely lighted. The applicant is proposing this across the entire top of the building, projecting out 7 inches. The sign is too big; it is lighted, which is not acceptable. The applicant is also proposing to have signs in each of the window bases and above the door in neon.

Al Zaccone made a motion, which was seconded by Ed Holmberg, that all signage as submitted is not approved with the strong recommendation that the applicant review the ordinance as well as the requirements for signage in the Historic District. All were in favor of denying this application.

Ed Holmberg asked if sidewalks had to have paving stones when they were re-done. The stores in the area of Creative Framing have just installed concrete. Al Zaccone said the guidelines strongly recommend pavers. Al Zaccone said he is still awaiting the final draft of the guidelines.

**Old Business: The Village Hardware** - Al Zaccone did receive a telephone call from the applicant advising that their application is not quite ready and they will be ready for the next meeting.

**Correspondence and Notes:** Letters were received on Restoration and Renovation Exhibit and Conference on March 20-23 in Boston; AIA Public Architecture and Preservation and Private Enterprise regarding Urban Revitalization on March 10 in Washington; and Bergen County Open Space Applications for 2002 funding. Al Zaccone will review this and send it to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.

Al Zaccone and Robert Olson will not be available for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Carol Todd, Building Department  
 Martin Durkin, Esq.  
 Errol Bekirov, NYC Tanning  
 Dr. Paul Kim, RP Animal Hospital  
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