

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2002 AT 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE RP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

JULY 17, 2002

Chairman Al Zaccone called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 30th 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, Terry McDonough, Robert Olson, Edmond DeSantis and Mary Romme.

The minutes of the June 5, 2002, meeting were approved.

New Business: Dollar General, (209 Main Street). An application was submitted by Butler Sign Company, Wayne, New Jersey, for a new sign. No application fee was submitted with the application. No one was present on behalf of the applicant.

The proposed sign is 3 ft. tall x. 23 ft. long. Only one sign is being proposed, it will have overhead lights. The color of the sign will be black, yellow and red. The sign will be mounted on top of the building. The location of the sign is not acceptable. The sign should be mounted on the face of the building above the roof. By scale, it appears the letters will be at least 2 ft tall and the colors are not acceptable. No actual size of the letters was submitted. The four proposed lights are acceptable. The size of the sign appears to be oversized.

There is other work that should have been done on this building. The Commission wants to make sure that any other appurtenances, lighting, conduit, signs, such as on the side of the building facing IGA, awning; all of that work be removed in its entirety as a part of the approval and before any sign is installed on that building, all of the work is done prior to the sign being installed. The Commission would need to see samples of the material. With the current submission, the open framing system will be visible from the side and this is not acceptable to the Commission.

A motion was made by Robert Olson, and seconded by Terry McDonough, that the application for a sign for Dollar General, is denied based on the fact that it does not meet the guidelines of the Historic Preservation Commission due to color, letter size, location and samples of materials need to be submitted if it is to be pursued. All were in favor of this motion.

Note: There is no fee submitted with this application. There is a note from the Building Department that no CO has been granted for the business yet.

Garden East Restaurant, (218 Main Street). Larry Manus is the property owner of this building. The application fee was submitted with this application. At the time the application was heard, no one was present. The business owner arrived after the application was heard.

The sign size appears too large and the colors are not acceptable. The inside of the archway needs to be painted as well as putting up a sign. There is no information as to materials; the color is too bright. An actual sample of the color of the sign needs to be submitted. No size of the letters is included. Based on the information submitted, the Commission will not be able to approve this application due to lack of information, including actual samples of the material and the actual colors to be used, including the size of the sign and the letters, as well as what the sign actually reads.

A motion was made by Al Zaccone, and seconded by Terry McDonough, that the application be rejected on the grounds that there is not enough information before the Commission as to the type of sign, actual colors of the sign, lettering itself, size of lettering, exactly what the lettering does say and the area between the signs should be addressed as well, this application does not address this area; and with any subsequent application for this storefront that any appurtenances, including the existing lighting, be removed in its entirety. All were in favor of this motion.

At 6:55 p.m. the business owner arrived at the meeting, and Al Zaccone briefly advised him that the application was denied due to lack of information. Al Zaccone explained that a more detailed application would need to be submitted in order for the Commission to approve the sign.

Correspondence and Notes: A letter was sent looking for a replacement for Terry McDonough, as the Commission thought she was unable to attend meetings on Wednesday nights. The letter will be rescinded.

On June 17, 2002, a letter was sent to Michael Alberque of Village Hardware by Mayor Fosdick thanking him for attending the Commissioner's meeting and expressing his particular problems he is facing opening his business. The Mayor informed Mr. Alberque that a meeting would be set up with the Village attorney, the Chairmen of the Planning, Historic Preservation and Zoning Boards in an effort to resolve his problems.

Al Zaccone responded to the Mayor with a letter dated July 15, 2002, that he looked forward to meeting with all interested parties to hear what problems Mr. Alberque and/or other business owners are faced with.

Old Business: Mary Romme asked if 189 Main Street (Wireless Communications) could be fined for the condition of the building. Al Zaccone

advised that a letter was sent to the Building Department on June 6, 2002, regarding the Commission's concerns with this building. Al Zaccone said that he would bring this building up at the upcoming meeting with the Mayor and Chairmen of the various commissions.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Carol Todd, Building Department
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