

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2003 at 6:30 P.M.

NOTE: ANY APPROVALS REMAIN SUBJECT TO THE APPLICANT SECURING CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR ALL WORK REVIEWED BY THIS COMMISSION. ALL APPROVALS ARE SUBJECT TO CONFORMANCE WITH ZONING ORDINANCE AND MUST BE APPROVED AS SUCH BY THE ZONING OFFICER.

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 21, 2003

Chairman Al Zaccone called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 19th day of December, 2002, and to the Star-Ledger on the 19th day of December, 2002. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Al Zaccone, Ed Arcari and Robert Olson. Mary Romme arrived after roll call.

The minutes of the April 23, 2003, meeting were approved.

Old Business: Namiko Japanese Restaurant, (192 Main Street) was represented by business owner Miung Kim. The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted in cash. A new drawing was submitted for a two-part sign to be placed inside the window. Namiko is in gold with a white outline and Japanese Restaurant, which will be located in the opposite window, is white on a dark green background. The face of the sign will be mounted 1 ft. inside the glass so that a light could shine from above on the lettering. The size of the sign will be 18 inches high x 68 inches wide (width of the glass).

A motion was made by Al Zaccone and seconded by Mary Romme approving the revised sign submitted by Namiko Japanese Restaurant, which is going to be a double sign placed on the inside face of the window of the storefront; each sign will be 18 inches high and approximately 68 inches across; the sign will be 1 foot back from the inside face of the glass, the applicant may be lighting that sign but it will not be a light on the outside face of the building; this application has no signage on the outside face of the building as presented; all signage will be 1 foot inside the face of the building. All were in favor of this motion.

An amendment to the motion was made by Al Zaccone and seconded by Robert Olson that the colors that have been submitted are approved as a forest green with a gold background. "Namiko" will be gold lettering with a white outline on a forest green background and "Japanese Restaurant, sushi takeout and telephone number" will be white lettering on a forest green background. All were in favor of the amended motion.

Al Zaccone reminded the applicant that he still must go to the building department to get permits in order to get the sign.

NEW BUSINESS: A's Stationery/M's Internet Services, 254 Main Street (former Park TV). An application was submitted by the businessowner. The application is for new signs to be mounted on existing signs, colors as per attached sample sheet. No improvements to the building were proposed.

This building has been discussed previously at meetings. It is in disrepair. On April 1, 2003, the Building Department sent a letter to George and Mary Anne Sacchi advising of the possible structural problems. The Building Department requested that a New Jersey licensed engineer or architect review and have a written report submitted to the Building Department within 30 days and that no additional action will be taken as far as a certificate of occupancy until a report is received. As of May 21, 2003, nothing had been submitted to the Building Department. Carol Todd said she would ask Doug Hansen if Mr. Sacchi, who had indicated he wanted to come in and speak to Mr. Hansen, had done so.

There are some detail photos of this building available. The veneer is delaminating. Al Zaccone stated that it would be a tremendous mistake and disservice to the community to take any type of action on this application before the Commission unless this building is fixed, repaired and is brought into a decent condition. The Commission cannot address this application because the Building Department cannot address a certificate of occupancy until a report is submitted.

The previous tenant and building owner, Park TV, should have removed the existing signs within 30 days of the building being vacated. Projecting signs are also not approved by this Commission so this existing sign needs to be removed. Nothing has also been done with the individual letters on the face of the building, which also should have been removed. The business is only entitled to one sign.

The Commission cannot take any action on this application at this point until the letter from the Building Department has been addressed and there is clearance from the Building Department that the building is safe. The Commission needs to see what is being done as far as the face of the building because it is in disrepair, has not been maintained and is in poor condition. The signs should have been removed.

NOTE: As Our Butler's Pantry is now for lease (same building and owner), not only should the Park TV signs and lettering be taken down in its entirety, but also the awning for the other tenant, Our Butler's Pantry. Additionally, all of their signage should be removed. These were part of a previous application, which was not approved in this manner. It was a color that was not approved by this Commission. They had gone for a variance but no action had been taken because the businessowner wanted to put lettering on the awning, which made it become a sign. This was not pursued any further. The face of the building needs to be repaired and it cannot be repaired around the awning.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTES: A memo was received from Doug Hansen regarding the national red alert system for emergencies and read to the Commission.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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