

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

MINUTES OF THE RP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

OCTOBER 16, 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, Edward Arcari, Edwin Holmberg, Bob Olson and Mary Romme.

The minutes of the September 18, 2002, meeting were approved.

Old Business: Yun's Cleaner, (166-168 Main Street) was represented by businessowner Han Jin Yun. The sign will be the same size as the previous sign. The building size is 31½ ft. wide x 15 ft. high. The sign is located in the middle of the building. It is an aluminum frame with a bronze molding. The background will be hunter green and the lettering will be a yellow-bronze color and the lettering is also white with a black outline, the size will be 30 " high x 11 feet long. The letter size for Yun's Cleaner will be 10 " high and the phone number will be 3 ½ " high.

The old box must be removed in its entirety and the façade is patched to match the existing and the new sign will be placed with the top where the brick changes color. No lighting is proposed. The sign will be attached with four brackets

A motion was made by Al Zaccone and seconded by Ed Holmberg, that the sign for Yun's Cleaner be approved as amended and submitted, that it is going to be pending approval by the Building Department that it needs zoning limitations, that it is going to be 132" long and 30" high, that it is going to be positioned in the center of the face of the building, that it is going to be an aluminum frame and molding in a bronze color, the color of the background of the sign will be in a hunter green, that the lettering is going to be a yellow-bronze and a white with a black highlight, the letter size will be 10" indicating Yun's Cleaner and the phone number is going to be 3 ½" high, that the existing sign is going to be removed in its entirety prior to the placement of the new sign and that the façade where the sign is removed is patched to match the existing, the new sign will be mounted at the change in the color of the brick. All were in favor of this motion.

James Kong, (76 Mount Vernon Street), will be applying for a new sign for the building previously occupied by Grapevine Café. He wants to replace the panel of the existing sign. Al Zaccone pointed out to the applicant that this sign was approved as an unlit sign. Al Zaccone advised the applicant that he must bring a

completed application listing the color of the sign and the wording to be used together with a sample for the Commission to view. Any sign permitted cannot be a lighted sign. In the future, the applicant does plan other changes and is aware he must come before the Commission for these changes. The Commission recommends that the architect go to the Building Department to get the guidelines. The application fee of \$45.00 must also be submitted with the application.

Hamilton Air, (27 Mount Vernon Street) was represented by Rita Moles. The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted. The applicant is looking to remove the loose stucco and replace with stone stucco to match the building on either side (25 and 35 Mt. Vernon St.) with stone and stucco to match.

Al Zaccone suggested that the existing building be washed first to make it easier to match the color. The doors should be painted (door to apartment and garage and aluminum storefront). The applicant was advised that the paint colors are in the Building Department and can be submitted directly to Al Zaccone for approval rather than waiting for the next meeting. The applicant was reminded to remove the signs on the building before replacing the stucco.

A motion was made by Al Zaccone and seconded by Bob Olson, that the application for repairing and refinishing the stucco as submitted be approved with the following comments: the color of the stucco is actually going to be a pebble texture similar to the adjacent building known previously as Winston Lab, that the bracket at the roof is removed in its entirety, that before the application of the stucco, all signage is removed from the building so the patch and repair work creates a uniform face along the façade, that the existing storefront is cleaned to bring it back to its original finish, that the bronze finishes remain, that the section that is recessed where the overhead door and stair door is located be painted approved colors of the Historic Preservation Commission, that the easterly side of the building is also going to be refinished in a stucco, which will not have a pebble finish but will match the existing colors. All were in favor of this motion.

GJEM Insurance Agency, (25 Mt. Vernon Street) was represented by businessowner Matt McArrow. The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted. The applicant wants to take down the existing sign and put it on their new building. The sign is currently a lighted sign but the applicant does not intend to light the sign on the new building. The existing box must be removed. There is also a non-functioning alarm that should be removed from the front of the building.

A motion was made by Al Zaccone and seconded by Mary Romme, that the application for a new sign for GJEM Insurance Agency is approved with the following comments: that the existing sign box cannot be relocated to the new location, the face of the sign will be reused and it is approximately 4 ft. high and 8 ft. long and it is going to be mounted on a flat panel with a frame mounted directly to the face of the building with the bottom of the sign aligning with the

bottom of the aluminum fascia panel, it is going to be centered over the door for unit no. 25, that it is understood that the existing storefront has been cleaned and removed of all paneling, air conditioning unit and a solid panel has been placed above the storefront window, that the existing alarm bell or light is going to be removed and the fascia paneling patched to match the existing if it is found to be inactive, the color of the sign is going to remain as it currently is, which is white background with black lettering and a yellow-gold diamond gem, it is not a lighted sign. All were in favor of this motion.

All About Name Brand, (179 Main Street) was represented by businessowner Joon Moon. The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted. The application is for a new sign.

The sign will be hunter green and white lettering. The store is 22 ft. wide and 11 ½ ft. high to the top of the mansard and about 8 ft. to the bottom of the mansard. The bottom aluminum panel will be repainted in a terra cotta color. The brackets need to be painted in terra cotta or the hunter green. It was suggested that perhaps the applicant might want to put a side panel on the sign.

A motion was made by Al Zaccone and seconded by Ed Arcari that the application be approved with the following comments: the size of the sign is going to be 8 ft. wide and 2 ½ ft. high (maximum) as acceptable by the Ridgefield Park zoning ordinance, that the sign will be white lettering on a hunter green background, it is going to be in aluminum with green aluminum frame, it will have offset brackets and mounted off the mansard of the building, that seems to be the only feasible solution for this building, that the brackets are going to be painted in forest green, that the face of the sign does not project more than 2 inches below the line of the mansard, that the return sides of the sign are to be enclosed so that the brackets are not visible, that the existing brackets, speakers and other appurtenances are going to be removed in their entirety from the face of the building and mansard, the sign is going to be centered over the façade of the building, that the currently yellow painted panels below the storefront are going to be painted a brick or terra cotta color as submitted for approval, the actual picture of the sign should be resubmitted through the Building Department for approval. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence and Notes: A note will be sent to Commissioner Anlian advising him that Edwin Holmberg and Mary Rome need to be reappointed. Terry McDonough needs to be officially appointed to the Commission filling the unexpired term of Fred Rosen, which expires in 2004. Ed Arcari advised he would be unable to attend next month's meeting.

NOTE TO BUILDING DEPARTMENT: THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO MS. HOROWITZ REGARDING THE BUILDING AT WIRELESS VILLAGE REQUESTING

THAT THE BUILDING FAÇADE BE REPAIRED AS DIRECTED OVER A YEAR AGO. (MINUTES FROM JUNE 2001)

The Commission will send Marty Durkin, Esq., the minutes from June 2001 and advise that the Commission is going to ask for the sign for Wireless Village be removed as the balance of the work that was approved in the minutes had not been carried out. The Commission will be asking the Building Department to do that if the Commission is entitled to do this.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Carol Todd, Building Department
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All About Name Brand
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