

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

Bob Olson called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 published in The Record on the 15th day of January 2014, and sent to the Star Ledger on the 10th day of January 2014. Roll call was taken. Members present were: Bob Olson, Donna Rose-McEntee and Andre Lam.

The minutes of the October 23, 2014, meeting were approved.

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

IF THERE ARE ANY DEVIATIONS TO WHAT IS APPROVED, ANY AND ALL CHANGES MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE HPC PRIOR TO ANY WORK BEING DONE. THIS INCLUDES ANY CHANGES IN PLANS, MATERIAL, COLORS, ETC., WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY THE HPC. NOTE: BACKLIT, INTERNALLY LIGHTED, AND NEON SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED) NEON SIGNS ARE ONLY PERMITTED IF THEY ARE INSTALLED 2' INSIDE THE WINDOW

Public Comments (not pertaining to applications): None at this time.

New Business: (14-11-01) Java Day Hot Bagel Café, 224 Main Street, application to install new aluminum signage on building as well as white vinyl lettering on window. Applicant is Jae Park of FI Sign, Inc., 270 North Street, Teterboro, NJ 07608 (201) 440-1400, fisign@yahoo.com. The business owner, Paul Lee, was also present.

The applicant plans to use the existing lighting. The proposed sign will be a cut out letter sign on aluminum panel background. The sign will be 19'6" long x 2'3" high. The color of the background will be Benjamin Moore #39 Sweet Pear, the 1" thick custom painted PVC cut letters w/custom painted sign band will be Benjamin Moore #651 Brazilian Rainforest. The size of the letters will be 15 ½" for Java Day, 5" for Hot Bagel and 224 Main Street. The white vinyl film cut letters on the windows will read 201-440-JAVA(5282) and will be 5" high x 50" long. The installation detail is specified on the submitted drawing.

The applicant was advised that the current paintings on the windows were done without approval and must be removed. The applicant advised he planned on removing the paintings. The HPC also advised the applicant that the size of the sign had to be approved by the Zoning Officer.

A motion was made by Donna Rose-McEntee and seconded by Andre Lam, to accept the plans as submitted for the sign for Java Day Hot Bagel Café; the proposed sign will be a cut out letter sign on aluminum panel background; the sign will be 19'6" long x 2'3" high; the color of the background will be Benjamin Moore #39 Sweet Pear; the 1" thick custom painted PVC cut letters w/custom painted sign band will be Benjamin Moore #651 Brazilian Rainforest; the size of the letters will be 15 ½" for Java Day, 5" for Hot Bagel and 224 Main Street; the white vinyl film cut letters on the windows will read 201-440-JAVA(5282) and will be 5" high x 50" long; the installation detail is specified on the submitted drawing; lighting is to remain the same; applicant has been advised that he can make one small change to the sign to add the street number on the lower lefthand side of the sign in 5" lettering to match the other side of the lettering; they have also been notified that can put the hours of operation on the door and they cannot have any lighted signs in their windows unless they are installed 2' back; phone number can be on the front window in 5" white vinyl lettering. All were in favor of this motion.

Korean District of the C&MA - An email was received from Rev. Hanyoung Baek, District Superintendent of The Korean District Of the C&MA, 169 Main Street, (201) 440-5700 koreancma@gmail.com, advising that they could not attend the October meeting regarding their proposed signage. A reply was sent to them advising they need to pick up an application from the Building Dept. before attending a meeting. No response was received from the Korean District of the C&MA.

Old Business: (14-08-01) Won Buddhism, 162 Main Street. James Manfredi advised that he had the Korean symbols translated from the sign and they appear to say more than just "Won Buddhism" as the applicant previously stated. A letter was sent to Edmund McCann to ask for a translation for the file but no response has been received yet.

(11-09-01) Riverside Medical Group, 204-206 Main Street – lights have been removed but new lights have not been installed yet even though approval was granted May 21, 2012. Bob Olson talked to the applicant who requested that the style previously submitted for approval be forwarded to them and they would have it installed within a week or a summons would be issued. The facilities manager said he was unaware that new lights were approved for installation but he would have them changed last month. The lights still have not been installed.

Correspondence/Notes/Comments:

- A. Discussion on reviewing guidelines.
- B. Donna McEntee has begun taking updated pictures of the historic district.
- C. Gerard Garofalow drew up a draft of fines/violations that was distributed to members for comments before discussing with Commissioner MacNeill.
- D. \$1,500 encumbered for new signs for Main Street. Funds encumbered under PO#12069 and PO# 13301 for a total of \$3,000.00. An email will be sent to the Police Dept. traffic division to see who should be contacted regarding purchasing more decorative poles to match the historic district so they blend in better. \$3,000.00 will be encumbered under the 2014 budget for the decorative poles.
- E. Welcome Andre Lam as the newest member of the HPC, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Terry McDonough
- F. Donna Rose-McEntee will look into some type of uniform placard type sign to make a business stand out while viewing from the street.
- G. Response from Police Chief about getting new identification badges for the HPC. The Police Dept. has been unable to issue new identification cards for several years. Chief Rose contacted Mayor Fosdick about the town looking into purchasing their own system to make identification cards.
- H. **Flames Rotisserie Peruvian Cuisine (218 Main Street), State Farm (216 Main Street), Chicken Magician (220A Main Street), Main Street Market (208 Main Street), Legends Fish Market (213 Main Street)** – businesses have vacated these buildings, letters sent to building owners advising that all signs, brackets, appurtenances, etc., must be removed as per the ordinance.

Open/Outgoing correspondence/matters this month:

- Many of the sidewalks in the Historic District are very dangerous. There are big chunks missing, which make it very dangerous to walk on.
- **The following storefronts still have neon signs:** Ray's Delicias, Dollar General, Rising Sun and D&S Hair Sensations. (Park Stationers, Luigi's, Dr. Curcio and Village IGA are only stores that remain grandfathered in.)
- **Kiseki** (32 Mt. Vernon Street) – Bob Olson spoke to the owner. He said he would remove the unapproved signage. Bob explained to the owner that temporary signs are only allowed for a certain time span. The signs that are screwed in are considered permanent and must be approved or removed. The unapproved sign in the front window has been up since the business opened and must be removed. All signage must be removed by next week or a summons will be issued. The owner said he would remove it last month but there is still unapproved signage on this building.
- **Clips (07-06-01)**- (59 Grove Street) – side windows covered with unapproved signage. Letter was sent advising them to file an amended application, no response received yet.

- **D&S Hair Sensations** has added another location at 165 Main Street. A letter was sent advising they need to submit an application for new signage and must remove the neon sign installed in the window or move it back 2' from the window. No response received.
- **Estee Nails** – has unapproved signage on windows – letter sent advising they must submit an application for the additional signage or remove it. No response received.
- **Odd Couples Attic** – new business letter was sent but they have installed neon sign in window as well as painted outside and added additional signage. They have now lettered the two front windows. A letter was sent advising them they must come in this month with an application. No response received.
- **238 Main Street** (former Luka's/Fornaccio's) – letter was sent to building owner via cm/rrr to ask for removal of all signage, appurtenances, etc., since business has vacated this building. Receipt for letter received.
- **Llama, Llama Ewe** (220 Main Street) – they have used temporary signage as their permanent sign. The business owner said they plan on installing permanent signage and should have their application ready for the December meeting.
- **Raphael's Wellness Center** (15-4 Mt. Vernon Street) – they have installed signage without approval. A letter was sent advising them they are in historic district and must submit an application. No response received.
- **Ibadom Korean Cuisine** (226 Main Street) – they have lettered their front windows and door. A letter was sent advising they must submit an application at the next meeting; however, the business owners removed the lettering from the windows.
- **Bob Olson** will meet with the Building Dept. to see what procedure they want to follow as far as violations and applications. There are many open matters that need to be cleared up.
- **Reappointments** will be done next month. Bob Olson and James Manfredi will be reappointed for a 2 year term. Gerard Garofalow will be appointed as the Planning Board representative for a term of 1 year.

Items needing attention of Building Dept./Enforcement Officer as per the October meeting. The HPC requests a response from the Building Dept. on these matters prior to the November meeting:

- **213 Main Street** – please give update as to water being pumped from basement to sidewalk
- **Little Stars Day Care**, 240 Main Street – failure to submit application for gate installed without permit. The business owner also advised the Building Dept. that they never received any letters from the HPC. Letters were sent on July 26, 2013, November 25, 2013, January 27, 2014, with a response received from Little Stars on August 22, 2013. Letter received from Thomas Blumenthal on June 20, 2014, advising that "nothing has been done without permits". Gate was installed without permit and permits are required for any work done within the historic district. **Construction Code Official will be advised to handle this matter under the UCC.**
- Are there any regulations on newspaper, UPS, FedEx boxes, etc.? Since it is an historic district, there really should be some type of regulation on the placement of these boxes to make sure they are properly maintained and placed. There are empty boxes for The Patriot throughout the historic district that should be removed.

Announcements: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Building Dept./Zoning Board
Java Day Hot Bagel Cafe