

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 23, 2014**

Bob Olson called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, David Bilow, James Manfredi and Jeff Hoffman.

The minutes of the September 25, 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: (14-10-01) Nicolino Ristorante Italiano, 170 Main Street, application for new awning. The applicants were represented by the business owner and the signmaker Carlos Jacob of Jacob Signs (3 Westminster Place, Garfield, NJ 07026, carlos@jacobsigns.com (201) 668-7909).

The canopy is just a recovering on the existing frame. It will be burgundy in sunbrella fabric (sample provided) with white lettering applied to the canopy. The lettering will read: Nicolino Ristorante Italiano TEL 201-440-2250 FAX 201-440-2268. They will be using the same lighting. The entry will be lit with light fixtures, the sign lights the sidewalk. There are white egg crates installed under the canopy. There will be no signage on the windows other than 170 Main Street on the door and hours of operation.

The applicant was informed that any neon must be removed or needs to be installed 2 ft. inside the window. The hours of operation can be on the door.

A motion was made by David Bilow and seconded by Donna Rose-McEntee to approve the application for the awning as presented and in addition, the down lighting that is existing be allowed to remain with an egg crate covering on the lights on the bottom of the awning; the neon signs must be removed or installed 2 ft back from the face of the building. All were in favor of this motion.

Old Business:

(14-04-01) Bank of America, 264 Main Street, application for ADA upgrades. The HPC advised the applicant that it did appreciate the planting of new bushes but the seven new bushes have died due to lack of water. They will need to be replaced. All of the other work is complete now and they did a nice job on the front of the building.

(14-08-01) Won Buddhism, 162 Main Street. The sign will be illuminated by a spotlight on the ground. The applicant did submit for approval a picture of the outside light, color and how it will be installed prior to installation. The applicant was informed the light must be hardwired and could not have an extension cord. 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 will be sent to Edmund McCann to ask for a translation for the file.

(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 by next week.

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.
- E. Andre Lam has agreed to fill the vacancy on the HPC. An email will be sent to Commissioner MacNeill advising him that the HPC suggests Andre Lam fill the vacancy.
- F. 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 meeting regarding their proposed signage. A reply will be sent to them advising they need to pick up an application from the Building Dept. before attending a meeting.
- G. Donna Rose-McEntee will look into some type of uniform placard type sign to make a business stand out while viewing from the street.
- H. A memo will be sent to Lt. Rella asking if he can assist in getting identification badges for the HPC

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. Donna Rose-McEntee will speak to these business owners. (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 will 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 tomorrow.
- **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. Bob Olson will speak to the business owner.
- **D&S Hair Sensations** has added another location at 165 Main Street. A letter will be sent to them 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. Donna Rose-McEntee will speak with the business owner.
- **Estee Nails** – has unapproved signage on windows – letter sent advising they must submit an application for the additional signage or remove it. Bob Olson will speak to owner.
- **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 will be sent advising them they must come in next month with an application. Bob Olson will speak with the business owner.
- **238 Main Street** (former Luka's/Fornaccio's) – letter will be sent to building owner via cm/rrr to ask for removal of all signage, appurtenances, etc., since business has vacated this building

- **Llama, Llama Ewe** (220 Main Street) – they have used temporary signage as their permanent sign. A letter will be sent to the new owners advising they must submit an application for approval of signage or remove the temporary signage.
- **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.
- **Ibadom Korean Cuisine** (226 Main Street) – they have lettered their front windows and door. A letter will be sent advising they must submit an application at the next meeting.

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 6:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 20, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Building Dept./Zoning Board
Won Buddhism, Edmund McCann, Esq.
Nicolino Restaurant Italiano