

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2006 at 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

JUNE 21, 2006

Vice Chairman Bob Olson called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 16th day of December, 2005, and to the Star-Ledger on the 16th day of December, 2005. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Theresa McDonough, Donna McEntee, Robert Olson and Mary Romme.

The minutes of the April 19, 2006, 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.

Public Comments (not pertaining to applications): None, no one present.

Correspondence and Notes: 35 Mt. Vernon Street – Hamilton Air – paint color samples were approved by consultant Al Zaccone

225 Main Street – Viva Roma Deli – paint color samples were approved by consultant Al Zaccone

78 Mt. Vernon Street – Little Stars Day Care Center – letter was received from attorney regarding drawings in the windows. A response was sent by the Commission.

New Business: **Vacation Planner**, 224 Main Street, was represented by business owner, Bienvenido Guerrero. The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted. This is an application for a new sign on the building.

He would like to replace the sign in the same size as the former sign. It will be an aluminum sign, forest green background with white vinyl lettering with a gold frame. Currently, there are only paper signs that are against the wall approximately three feet inside the window. The hours of operation and address are already on the door. They might possibly add green gooseneck lights in the future. The Commission suggested that this be included as part of the application so that he does not have to reapply when he is ready for the lights.

A motion was made by Mary Romme and seconded by Theresa McDonough that the application for the sign and lighting at 224 Main Street be approved as

submitted; if lighting is desired, approved lighting (exterior green gooseneck lighting to be approved by the Commission) would be acceptable, conduits will be in conformity to color of building, color of sign is forest green, white vinyl lettering and gold trim, sign is made of aluminum, 2' x 12', the old sign will be removed and this sign will be installed in its place. All were in favor of this motion.

Ridgefield Park Hand Car Wash, 4 Mt. Vernon Street, submitted an application for improvements to facade, sign with lights, site improvements (paving, concrete curbs). The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted.

The Commission reviewed this application and detailed drawings and find that the information provided is in order and consistent with the design guidelines.

A motion was made by Donna McEntee and seconded by Theresa McDonough to approve the application submitted by Ridgefield Park Hand Car Wash, 4 Mt. Vernon Street, as per the detailed plans submitted. All were in favor of this motion.

Nail Salon, 252 Main Street, submitted an application for signage. There was no application fee submitted. There is a note on the application asking what signage they can have. There is a picture of the front of the building and there appears to be too many signs on the windows.

As no one was present and the application is incomplete, this will not be heard by the Commission at this time. The applicant will be sent a letter advising that they need to go to the Building Department to find out what signage is allowed before coming before this Commission.

OLD BUSINESS: 54 Mt. Vernon Street – Luigi's – correspondence was received from Douglas Hansen, Construction Official, that the Zoning Officer has reviewed the application for a new awning and denied the application. The matter was referred to the Board of Adjustment.

The color chart is being worked on as well as a new checklist.

NOTES: Little Stars Day Care has painted drawings on their windows; however, the part that is visible to the public is the bad side of the drawings. It looks terrible from the sidewalk.

NOTE TO THE BUILDING DEPT: There are paintings on the windows of several businesses within the historic district that are not in compliance with the ordinance. Please advise of the status of these violations for our next meeting scheduled on July 19, 2006. Specifically, are there any regulations regarding which side of these paintings (if they are even permitted) face the street?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Potential new Commission members were discussed with Commissioner Anlian. One is a Ridgefield Park resident and architect recommended by Al Zacccone.

Donna McEntee advised that she couldn't attend the July and August meetings.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Carol Todd, Building Department
Vacation Planner
Ridgefield Park Hand Car Wash