

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

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MARCH 15, 2006

Al Zaccone 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 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. Al Zaccone ran the meeting, although not a member at this time, until a new chairman is elected.

The minutes of the December 21, 2005, meeting were approved. There was no meetings in January and February as there were no applications on the agenda.

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: None.

New Business: Bilow Group, (161 Main Street). An application has been submitted to replace an existing fence blown down in a windstorm. The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted. The applicant was not present for the hearing. He is replacing the fence in the exact same location and the same size as the existing fence. The application is not listing any finishing so it will be in bare wood.

There are some other items that need attention on this property as noted on the walk through by a previous walk through by the Commission. The Commission would like to recommend that the entire building be restrained as a necessary part of maintenance that needs to be addressed on this property. The bracket on the side of the building needs to be removed and the painted signs on the window need to be removed as well as a condition of approval.

A motion was made by Robert Olson and seconded by Mary Romme to approve the submitted placement of the fence on Cedar Street at the 161 Main Street location and the fence as existing on Cedar Street to be replaced as is currently heightwise and tapering down at the driveway locations matching the existing heights; the fence color has to be submitted to the Historic Commission for approval of an approved color, to match the existing siding on the house or an

approved color; the existing brackets on the side of the building need to be removed; old signage from a previous business must be removed from the windows; it is also recommended that on the Cedar Street side of the building that there is loose siding that should be reattached and it is also recommended that the building be restained to match the approved color of the new fencing. All were in favor of this motion.

The applicant was not present for the application and there was no one present from the public.

East Coast Sign Advertising, (Bank North formerly Hudson United Bank)

The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted. The applicant was not present for the application. This is an application to reface the existing sign. Materials used will be either plastic or aluminum with vinyl applied to the surface. Color scheme will be white text and apple green logo with color applied to the dark green background. Color pictures were supplied.

The previous sign was a lighted box and approval was conditioned on the box not being lit. The Commission could require a new sign to avoid the box being lit in the future. This application exceeds the number of allowed signs so it will probably have to go before the Zoning Board as well. On the list of needed maintenance, this building needed to have the drop box repainted.

A motion was made by Mary Romme and seconded by Theresa McDonough that the plans submitted for 240 Main Street for the change of signage be accepted under the following conditions (except for the sign that has the temperature on it): that the signs are accepted provided the actual color samples (not computer generated) are submitted for approval; it is also recommended that the brown metal fascia across the top of the building be painted in a dark green approved by the Commission; approval of the colors does not have to wait for another meeting, it can be submitted to the advisor, Al Zacccone directly to his office at a forwarding address to be provided; that the drop box on the outside of the building that is rusted and should be addressed (at least scraped and painted); if lighting is desired, approved lighting (exterior gooseneck lighting to be approved by the Commission) would be acceptable. All were in favor of this application.

The applicant was not present for the application and there was no one present from the public.

NOTES: The updated pictures listing addresses is being worked on as well as a new checklist. Meeting dates for next year will be left for the third Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.

The election for Chairman, Vice Chairman and reappointment of Secretary was held. At this time there was no nomination for Chairman.

Robert Olson was nominated as Vice Chairman and seconded by Theresa McDonough. All voted in favor of this motion.

Barbara DeLuca was nominated as Secretary by Robert Olson and seconded by Theresa McDonough. All voted in favor of this nomination.

Next month, a decision will have to be made as to the role of advisor and chairman.

At this time, the applicant for East Coast Advertising (Robert Trautner) arrived. He said that he was advised by the Building Dept. that the meeting was at 6:30 and not at 6:00. He was advised of the outcome of the application and given Al Zaccone's address so that he could submit the actual colors for approval. Mr. Trautner was able to answer any questions that the Commission had and was also advised that the sign box was not allowed to be lighted. The only sign that could be lit was the freestanding sign. He was also advised about the maintenance needed for the drop box. The applicant was also advised to see if he would need Zoning Board approval for the amount of signs.

It was also noted that Rae's Café has closed and that a letter will be sent to the Building Department advising that the signage needs to be removed by the owner. Also, the former location of Fish Underground, has a big pink question mark in the window that was not approved. A letter also needs to be sent to the tenant at Sacchi's building (new nail salon) that the signs in the window are not temporary signs and that no application has ever been made before this Commission for approval for any of that signage and that it is the recommendation of this Commission that they be subject to a fine.

A letter also needs to be sent to the owner of 189 Main Street (Berlow's) asking for an update on this application that was approved in July 2005.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Carol Todd, Building Department
David Bilow, AIA
East Coast Sign Advertising