

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: THURSDAY, January 28, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**December 17, 2009**

Chairman Robert Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2008, and sent to the Star Ledger on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2008. Roll call was taken. Members present were: Robert Olson, Terry McDonough, Donna McEntee and James Manfredi. Also present was Jeff Hoffman.

The minutes of the November 19, 2009, meetings 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, MATERIALS, COLORS, ETC., WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY THE HPC.**

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

**New Business: (09-12-01) The Wild Life (15 Mt Vernon Street)** – application for new signage. The application fee was previously submitted. The applicant was represented by businessowner Joseph D'Angeli. He would like to install a new sign on the outside of the building to be in the exact dimensions of the sign previously installed. The background color of the sign will be red but the HPC needs to know the exact name and receive a color sample of the exact red to be used on the sign.

The cat screen on the window is to insulate the window from the cold. It is see-through and hangs on the inside of the window. It is transparent and not a sign, it is not advertising and is used more for safety.

A motion was made by Donna McEntee and seconded by Terry McDonough, that the application be accepted as presented as long as a sample of the red color for the background vinyl of the sign is supplied, size to be as presented (85" wide x 21" high), wording to read "The WILD LIFE! Conservation and Education Center, NJBATMAN.COM"; lighting does not have to be addressed as it is already present over sign; maintenance and repair to existing canopy to be done if necessary; when the weather is warmer the trap doors on the sidewalk should be painted to match trim around window; a sample of the red background to be dropped off to Bob Olson. All were in favor of the motion.

**Old Business: (09-11-01) Berries (256 Main Street)** – application for new signage. Application fee has been submitted. The applicant was represented by businessowner Tita Obii-Obioha. The applicant would like to install a new sign on the building. He plans to install the sign with

silicone because the landlord will not allow any damage to the siding. The sign is to be 1" thick comatex with no frame and installed with silicone. The HPC is concerned that the silicone will not adhere well to the vinyl siding and be a hazard.

The landlord submitted a letter that the sign must meet all specifications and requirements of the ordinances of Ridgefield Park. They do not want damage to the building but the sign must meet all specifications.

The HPC will not allow a sign to be installed with only silicone, it is too dangerous. The sign must be installed with four screws. The only question is that the light that was installed was done without permission by a previous tenant. It is not an approved gooseneck light and must be replaced with an approved light.

A motion was made by James Manfredi and seconded by Terry McDonough, to accept the sign based on the rendering; design to be #3 in the brick red coloring with the following stipulations: sign to be physically attached by way of four mounting screws as mounting details specify, no frame to be installed on comatex sign, a vinyl border will be on the sign, a black gooseneck light (details to be provided to HPC prior to installation); sample of red background to be provided to HPC. If wording is changed, exact wording must first be provided to the HPC before installation of the sign. Samples may be dropped off to Robert Olson directly. All were in favor of motion.

### **Correspondence and Notes:**

- A. New planters/trash receptacles on Main Street – no response to letters sent to Mayor & Commissioners in May and August. Donna McEntee will see when next caucus meeting is and attend to speak to Mayor and Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Anlian advised at the December 2008 meeting that the planters/trash receptacles were ordered. Bob Olson spoke to Commissioner MacNeill who said he will follow up on this.
- B. Little Stars Day Care – a letter was sent to Mike Landolfi and copy to Martin Durkin to get dates for a meeting with Little Stars to discuss the windows. The HPC is awaiting a list of dates for the meeting.
- C. Donna McEntee is working on logo for HPC
- D. Funds were encumbered to purchase a cabinet for files and drawings. Donna McEntee will also look into glass cabinets to display the various trophies/plaques, etc., to maintain the historic quality of the municipal building. Donna is checking on cabinets that might be available at no cost.
- E. New municipal parking lot – a letter was sent to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners asking what type of lighting and signage will be used as it is part of the Historic District and will it comply with the HPC guidelines. No response received.
- F. New business opened at 189 Main Street – letter was sent advising business owner that they need to come before the HPC for any signage /lighting or changes to the outside of the building
- G. Rialto Theatre – Bob Olson spoke to Lenny Eng, contractor, and work is in progress.
- H. Election of officers to be held in January.

**Announcements:** Meeting dates for 2010 are as follows:

JANUARY 28	JULY 22
FEBRUARY 25	AUGUST 26
MARCH 25	SEPTEMBER 23
APRIL 22	OCTOBER 28
MAY 27	NOVEMBER 18 (THIRD THURSDAY)
JUNE 24	DECEMBER 16 (THIRD THURSDAY)

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

The next meeting will be January 28, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Building Dept.  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Rising Sun Academy  
Berries Restaurant