

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2003 at 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

APRIL 23, 2003

Chairman Al Zaccone called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 19th day of December, 2002, and to the Star-Ledger on the 19th day of December, 2002. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Al Zaccone, Ed Arcari, Mary Romme and Robert Olson.

The minutes of the March 19, 2003, meeting were approved.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Namiko Japanese Restaurant, (192 Main Street) was represented by business owner Miung Kim. The application fee will be submitted next month when the application is resubmitted. The application is for a new sign that would cover the leaded glass over the main storefront. The sign is made of an aluminum frame and would be dark green background with pink lettering. The air conditioner above the door will be removed.

The Commission advised Mr. Kim that it does not want the leaded glass blocked and suggested that the sign be placed inside in the window and split into two pieces mounted below the leaded glass. It was also explained to the applicant that no neon is allowed. The Commission would need to see samples of the actual colors before this application can be approved. The applicant said he would have the sign background in a dark green color and then have the lettering in gold and white. The Commission must also know what material the sign is made of, if there are lights and what type of lights will be used and the size of the sign. The applicant will return next month with a completed application and the application fee.

Wachovia, (30 Mt. Vernon Street) is applying for a new sign for the drive-in bank only. The applicant was represented by Howard Permits (Andrew T. Howard, 15 Moon Way, Medford, NJ 08055). The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted.

Wachovia Bank is replacing First Union Bank. The applicant is to remove and replace existing signs for Wachovia Bank only at the drive-in facility on 30 Mt. Vernon Street. There are no additional signs being proposed. The proposed application calls for one pylon and two directional ground signs. The pylon sign is proposed to be illuminated. A new ATM machine will be installed inside the building, which is not part of the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Al Zaccone made a motion, which was seconded by Mary Romme, that the three signs that have been submitted be approved, two directional signs that are unlit that are placed at the entrance and exit to the parking lot and approve the pylon sign as being 16 feet high in the same location as the present pylon sign with the provision that the sign will not be illuminated by any means; additionally, the Commission would expect to see, if this is a changeover of the banks, that this is not the only location that will be considered, that the building at the corner of Main Street and Mount Vernon Street, must also be addressed. The ATM sign will not be addressed because it is located inside the building and does not effect this Commission. All were in favor of this motion.

Al Zaccone also noted that the applicant was informed by letter to bring the copies to the Building Department prior to the meeting but they failed to follow procedure. Mr. Howard will advise the applicant that procedures must be followed and the proper number of copies must be submitted to the Building Department prior to the meeting. It is also noted to the applicant that he must secure building permits to construct the signs.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTES: None received.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Carol Todd, Building Department
Martin Durkin, Esq.
Namiko Japanese Restaurant
Howard Permits (Wachovia Bank)