

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2004 at 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 21, 2004

Chairman Al Zacccone called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 29th day of December, 2003, and to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2003. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Al Zacccone, Mary Romme and Robert Olson. Ed Holmberg arrived after roll call.

The minutes of the March 24, 2004, meeting were approved.

Correspondence and Notes: *NOTE: 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.*

Old Business: None.

New Business: Shapes Express, (173 Main Street) was represented by business owner, Gail Levine. The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted. The application is to install gooseneck lamps over the existing sign.

The applicant proposes to install three lights, whichever is preferred by the Commission, either catalog no. 20-850 or 20-851 will work with this building. The color will be no. 59, coppertone.

A motion was made by Al Zacccone and seconded by Robert Olson, to approve the application for three lights over the existing sign of Shapes Express; there will be three lights according to the submission, either model 20-850 or 20-851; the color will be as submitted no. 59, coppertone and the lights are going to be mounted above the sign on the angled section of the roof; there will be no exposed conduit; and if there is any exposed that is necessary by the construction and the field conditions, that it be a rigid conduit that is installed plumb and straight; and that it is painted to match the background that is lying on and not the light itself or the sign. All were in favor of this motion.

McCloskey Surplus, (245 Main Street, Second Floor) d/b/a Metcom Excess, was represented by business owner, Charles T. McCloskey Sr (PO Box 3140, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 945-1717 ext. 323, fax 945-0724) and signmaker Judd Davies of National Sign. The application fee of \$45.00 was submitted. The application is to put vinyl lettering in the window panel adjacent to the front and rear entrance.

The front lettering is on pane of window to the right side of entrance. Al Zaccone informed the applicant that there is a limit as to the number of signs. The color of letters will be intense blue and medium grey, samples submitted.

A motion was made by Al Zaccone and seconded by Ed Holmberg, approving the lettering for the windows as has been submitted for this application, which is going to be medium grey lettering with an intense blue logo quoting those colors in the chart, which has been submitted as part of this application, and that there are going to be lettering in the windows at the front and at the rear of the building as has been submitted and it is understood that the application has to be before the Building Department for its approval as well and for permits. All were in favor of this motion.

Comments: The preliminary report made by the subcommittee to observe the condition of the historic district was discussed. The report will be sorted into four categories: A – Village Concerns, B – Upkeep Conditions, C – Historic Concerns and D – No Approvals. There will be an additional category for those that are deemed extreme hazards. The Commission will not address any residential buildings that fall within the historic district. The subcommittee will go back to the other areas of the historic district on Spruce and review those buildings, as they were not included in the first report.

General observations of the Historic District were noted. Ninety percent of the sidewalks are in a hazardous condition and have much potential as a trip hazard. All the sidewalks are in a dirty condition with need for powerwashing at a minimum. The lightpost in front of 216 Main Street is open and missing the cover, the wires are exposed and dangerous. There are excessive weeds throughout the sidewalks, especially the pavers. The Commission is still waiting to see action taken for the streetlights by the Village. It is a concern as it is hazardous to have open light boxes.

A final report will be prepared as a Committee has been established in order to review the conditions and what the concerns are in addressing the historic district, that the Committee has broken down what it thinks needs to be done into four categories and what the four categories are. The specifics for each location will be listed and what category it falls into and then the report will be summarized listing the sidewalks and recommendations. This report will be prepared not for the intent of pointing any fingers but rather for information and with concern that the Commission is sure is shared with the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, the business owners, the property owners and tenants as well as the Commission.

The final report will then be given to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners with a copy going to the Building Department. The Mayor and Board of Commissioners will then decide what will be done with this information. A cover

letter will be included that the Commission is offering a sincere opportunity to discuss what these problems are and how they can best be addressed.

This information should then be kept so that when an applicant comes before the Commission, the Commission will be able to look up the report to see what needs to be addressed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Carol Todd, Building Department
Shapes Express
Metcom Excess