

Village of Lancaster
Historic Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, Lancaster NY

MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2014

I. Attendance/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Board Members

Allein, J.	<u>X</u>
Campbell, S. (Vice Chair)	<u>X</u>
Keefe, J.	<u>X</u>
McNichol, S.	<u>X</u>
Meyer, M. (Chair)	<u>X</u>
Mikula, E.	<u>X</u>

Secretary

Eckert, E.	<u>X</u>
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McNichol, R. (Code Enf.)	<u>X</u>
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Roll call indicated that six (6) voting members were present and a quorum existed.

II. Public Hearings:

a. *11 West Main St. – Dan Sundell (Dark Forest Chocolate)– New Signage*

Mr. Sundell was present. He has updated his CoA to include 2 signs, one on the South facing side of the mansard and one on the East facing side as well as a smaller sign on the building that will be close to the door for pedestrian visibility. There is a streetlight in front of the property that will adequately light the signs.

MOTION: E. Mikula moved to approve the CoA as presented. Second by S. McNichol.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

b. *31 Central Ave. – YMCA Buffalo Niagara – Window Graphics*

Penny Snell of the YMCA Buffalo Niagara was present. Ms. Snell has returned proposing updated vinyl clings that will cover one-third (1/3) of the front windows of the business. The YMCA will have to invest in a window treatment inside the office, but that is beyond the control of the Board.

MOTION: M. Meyer moved to approve the CoA as presented. Second by J. Keefe.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

c. *10 Aurora St. – Matt Murphy (Aurora Imprints) – Awning*

Mr. Murphy was present. He explained that the proposed awning will essentially be the same as Dr. Orlando's awning on Central Ave. The awning will sit approximately 8' above the sidewalk. Mr. Murphy

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plans to install the approved signage at the same time as the awning.

MOTION: S. McNichol moved to approve as presented. Second J. Allein.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. *November 12, 2014 (Regular Meeting)*

MOTION: E. Mikula moved to approve the minutes. Second by S. McNichol.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

IV. Administrative Matters:

a. Public comment on matters of interest:

i. New property issues:

1. 5640(?) Broadway – Cellino Residence – J. Allein alerted Code Enforcement about the existence of a large business truck acting as a billboard that is constantly parked in front of the house. R. McNichol said that he would look into any code violations, but he is unsure whether any exist.
2. 5413 Broadway – Picasso’s Pizza – J. Allein stated that the building’s windows are covered by decal/signage. He requested that Code Enforcement look into the violation.

b. Ongoing property issues

- i. 1 Central Ave. (former Sunoco Station): *Update – the former gas station has had the gasoline tanks emptied and the electrical is turned off. The graffiti has been painted over.*
- ii. 5346 Broadway (Wally’s Auto Shop): *No update*
- iii. 5437 Broadway (Depew Lancaster Moose Lodge): *No update.*
- iv. 5513 Broadway (former Memory’s Restaurant): *Update - Code Enforcement is in contact with the owners. J. Keefe suggested that the Board suggest to the owner to remove the restaurant front addition on the building, as the owner is keeping up the main residential building.*
- v. 32 Central Ave. (Angel Hair Shoppe): *Update - Code Enforcement will send the business owner a letter to be in contact with the HPC who will work with her on some appropriate signage.*
- vi. 11 West Main St. (Goomba’s Boxing Club): *Update – The temporary sign on Central Ave. has been removed.*

c. Communications/Reports

- i. Chairman M. Meyer has written and sent a recommendation letter to SHPO in support of the Broadway District being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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- ii. The HPC has received notification from New York State that the Central Avenue Historic District has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places on November 12, 2014.
- d. Treasurer's Report
 - i. No report.

V. Old Business:

- a. National Register Nomination – Central Ave. District – *Update – The individual property owners within the district are allowed to put up signage that identifies their properties as contributing properties in the District.*
- b. National Register Nomination – Broadway District: *Update – Nomination was approved at the state level. It will be before the National Parks Service sometime in Spring 2015.*
- c. Window Signage Regulations in the Village Code: *Update – J. Keefe suggests that the HPC writes a letter to the Village Board to suggest changes to the Village Code regarding the signage regulations. M. Meyer also brought to the board a suggestion for the clarification of “temporary signage” in the village code. M. Meyer will write a letter to the Village Board with these suggestions.*
- d. Historic Preservation Commission – Public Education and Information: *Update – The HPC is working on several files that the Village can put on the website for the public. The HPC is planning for a mailing for all property owners in the historic district including a map and an informational letter.*

VI. New Business:

- a. M. Meyer informed the Board that Dr. Ronald Batt (5648 Broadway), a former member of the HPC, has contacted him and is interested in returning to the Board. Mr. Batt could fit into the “resident of a Historic District” category of board members. M. Meyer will invite Mr. Batt to attend the next meeting of the HPC.

VII. Next Meeting: January 14, 2014

VIII. Adjourn

MOTION: S. McNichol moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by E. Mikula.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.