

LANCASTER, NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of July 9, 2003

Attendance:

James Keysa
Joseph Giallanza
William Harnack
Michael Meyer
Jan Pecqueur

Excused:

Ronald Batt
Jean Brunea

1. Hearings:

James Doctor – 5604 Broadway Porch.

Mr. Doctor wishes to repair his existing porch by removing the tongue & groove flooring and replacing it with new tongue & groove flooring, remove the existing 3 and 1 shingles and replace with new 3 and 1 shingles, replace any subframing in need of repair.

The Board approved his petition with the condition that in addition he will match the lattice work on the side porch and front porch and replace the wrought iron posts with wooden porch posts.

Moved: Joseph Giallanza

Second: William Harnack

Approved with conditions.

Korey Schuler – Sweet Briar Antiques 87 Central Avenue Signage

Mr. Schuler wishes to have approval for two signs for his business. This Board previously approved one sign on the Palmer Place side of his building several years ago. At that time, Mr. Schuler's business was located at 5433 Broadway in a building that was demolished for the entrance to the new Municipal Building parking lot (4' x 8' long in cream background with green lettering). The other sign is a 2ft. X 28 inches hanging sign in a matching cream color with green lettering for the small grass area in front of the shop.

Moved: Jan Pecqueur

Second: William Harnack

Approved

Charm Graphics 10 Aurora Street Signage (Lancaster Community Development Corporation)

Sign to be installed on the west façade under the portico on the brick with the bottom of the sign to be about 8 feet from the ground. The sign is a red C and black G and the words "Charm Graphics". The sign will be centered between the "posts". The size is about 4ft. high x 6ft. long.

Moved: Jan Pecqueur

Second: William Harnack

Approved with conditions as to placement

2. Minutes

- Approval of minutes from the May 12, 2003 meeting with change to show that William Harnack was excused and not absent was approved.

Moved: William Harnack

Second: Michael

Approved

Approval of minutes from June 11, 2003 with changes:

- Under new business, the “heritage trees” code was from Menlo Park, California and not Menlo Park, New Jersey.
- The minutes did not reflect the fact that the Board discussed Preservation Week 2004 under new business. The Board had discussed the fact that they wish to reinstate the award for restoration excellence and for the improvement of properties. In the past awards had been given for 5600 Broadway to the Burgwardt Family and to Joseph Giallanza for his offices at 5623 Broadway. The award has not been given in recent years.

3. Old Business:

- Broadway - Central Ave. Status Report

Concrete being finished on the north side between Central & Lake. They expect to have traffic on the new concrete next week. The center lane and south lane will then be installed simultaneously. There will be 24-hour flagmen at this time to direct one way traffic on the north lane. Work east of Holland Ave. is largely complete and landscaping is being done inside the sidewalks at the eastern end of the project. Conduit for antique lighting is being installed only to a point 100 feet east of Lake Ave. instead of all the way to the east village line as was originally promised by the DOT.

Joseph Giallanza was upset about the fact that nobody asked permission to use the “BOCES” parking lot for the July 4th celebrations. Sav-A-Lot, the new tenant was nearly shut down due to cars being parked in their parking area. He was also disturbed by the fact that at the recent grand opening of Sav-A-Lot, the politicians took credit for the renting and refurbishing of the building. There was no mention of the work done by the Lancaster Village Community Development Corporation (Village Partnership) to have the mortgage reduced, the interest reduced, and to work out the purchase, rentals, etc.

Donlon’s house and the village garage (behind the Municipal Building) will be torn down soon.

Central is paved on the West Side and they are working on the East Side along with the bridge over Plumb Bottom Creek. The merchants are struggling while work is going on.

4. Notices to Property Owners

A group needs to be established to move this along. This was tabled until the August meeting.

5. Property Forms

Nothing to report

6. Friends of Broadway

Nothing to report.

7. Review of Prior Hearings

None

8. New Business:

- Ron Batt provided information for the proposed pictorial book of 26 drawings of the structures in the Village and Town of Lancaster. He recommended that Karl Kipp provide many of these as his work is excellent and he is not doing art festivals anymore. Based on the report provided by Ron Batt, we would probably want 3,000 – 5,000 copies. Before anything can be determined, the various aspects of this project need to be examined more fully. Perhaps, a separately scheduled meeting is needed for issues the Board need to deal with such as this and heritage trees.

- The Allen Johnson farm has been demolished (Broadway east of Parkdale Drive) to make way for Dr. Marchetta's new offices. The buildings dated to the 1840's.

9. Future Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday August 13, 2003.

Submitted by James S. Keysa

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. Wednesday September 10, 2003
- B. Wednesday October 8, 2003
- C. Wednesday November 12, 2003
- D. Wednesday December 10, 2003.