

LANCASTER, NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the August 7, 2002 meeting

Attendance:

James Keysa
Ronald Batt
Jean Brunea
Joseph Giallanza
William Harnack
Michael Meyer
Jan Pecqueur

Hearings:

1. Gregory and Betsy Young 5538 Broadway, Lancaster, NY

- A proposal was submitted to erect seventy (70) feet of pressure treated , dog-eared fencing that would be located on the east side of their property line along their boundary with the Robert Faulhaber property. The fence would begin at a point in line with the rear of their house continuing to a point about where a tree stump is now located. The posts would have scalloped and pointed tops as shown in the photo submitted by the Youngs of a similar fence that is attached to their application.

Moved - J. Giallanza with the stipulation that the fence will be a maximum of six (6) feet or per code as to height.

Second – M. Meyer

Approved (J. Keysa abstained).

- The petitioners, Mr. & Mrs. Young also wish to install storm windows on the existing windows as they currently do not have any. Since the Youngs submitted no brochure, photos or samples to show the Commission , this matter was tabled for further review upon the submission of more information.

2. Performance Advantage Company c/o Jim Everett, General Manager 1 Pac Way, Lancaster, New York.

- A submission was made for the placement of two (2) signs on what was once the rear of the Murphy's store building (6 West Main Street). The signs would be four (4) feet high x eight (8) feet long with carved text and raised logo in red, white and blue with gold lettering. The shape of these signs would look similar to a key (see attached sample). The location of the signs would be on the south wall and on the east wall so as to face Broadway and Central Ave. The Commission previously reviewed this request, but did not have a formal proposal to discuss at that time.

Moved - W. Harnack to approve as submitted

Second – J. Brunea

Approved

Status Reports

- **Broadway:** Work is progressing in both Lancaster and Depew. Both old bridges are down and the new ones should be operational later this fall. The Depew bridge is scheduled to open in late September and the Lancaster bridge is expected to be completed by late October. Both are well ahead of schedule. The road is being reconstructed from Transit Road to Aurora Street and in the Historic District it has been repaved in anticipation of winter from the Rowhouse east of Lake Ave. to the east Village line. The old telephone/electric poles still need to be removed from the Rowhouse west to Cayuga Creek so that the storm sewers on the south side of Broadway can be installed. When this is completed, the rest of the sidewalks can also be blacktopped for the winter. Reconstruction of the road through the Historic District will begin after the beginning of April 2003.

J. Keysa will check once again on the status of the lighting along Broadway from the Municipal Building to the east Village line.

It is the understanding of the Commission that this area is to have period style lighting to match the area from Aurora Street to Central Avenue and along the Central Avenue business district once funding becomes available. In the meantime, the DOT is supposed to stub in the conduit for this lighting.

The Municipal Building parking lot is progressing slowly. The concrete block garage owned by the Village has not been torn down nor has the new garage been built. The DOT is using the lot where Lindy's Café stood (next to the Moose club) as a staging area for gravel, pipes, equipment etc. The fence along the east side and rear of the café property is expected to be removed when the DOT is no longer using the property for a storage and staging area.

J. Giallanza reported on a meeting that he and J. Keysa attended on July 30,2002 with representatives from the M&T Bank and the Village. The M&T Bank expects to construct a parking lot at the west end of their property as they will lose their parking in front of the bank along Broadway. The M&T Bank has provided surveys to the Village which is also having topographical surveys prepared of the BOCES property for future development. It is hoped that the bank will be able to do additional work on the exterior of its structure in the future so as to make it more in keeping with other older buildings in the Historic District.

R. Batt suggested that a letter be sent commending the various construction workers for their considerate behavior and the fine job they have done in cleaning up the messes created in relocating the utilities along Broadway. The group agreed that not only should a letter be sent to Michael Salvador of Catco, but that perhaps a letter to the editor of the Lancaster Bee would also be appropriate.

- **Property Forms:** J. Keysa and J. Brunea will review the forms submitted by M. Meyer so as to add historical and other information about the properties.
- **Presbyterian Church:** The project is on schedule for the expansion of the sanctuary into Waith Hall and for their new parking lot. The portion of Waith Hall that was about twenty (20) feet long and three(3) stories high which served as a connection to the rear of the 1832 building has been torn down except for a small portion of the roof and a "shell" of brick which is the facade facing Lake Ave. where the entrance is located. The barn, garage, and the former Wood's Paint Store have been emptied so that they can be demolished. J. Keysa again told the group that the front portion of the store was formerly the Drapers' barn to what is now his office at 5455 Broadway (c.1831) and possibly dates to the 1830s as well. It has a standing seam metal roof as is on his offices, post and beam construction, and the church custodian recently removed a number of old newspapers addressed to the Draper family from about 100 years ago. The building was moved from what is now Heather Lane about 80 years ago. The efforts of this Commission have been very important in preserving the three(3) houses at #11, 13 and 15 Lake Avenue from being demolished along with their dependencies.

Future Meetings

- The Commission has tentatively arranged to meet as follows:
 - September 18, 2002
 - October 16, 2002
 - November 13, 2002All meetings will be held on Wednesday.
December – no date has been set. A Christmas party has been scheduled for Wednesday December 4,2002 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

Submitted by James S. Keysa