

LANCASTER, NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of the May 8, 2002 meeting

Attendance:

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

Hearings:

1. **Robert Faulhaber—5542 Broadway, Lancaster, N.Y.**

Made a request for two fences:

- A petition was presented by Mr. Faulhaber to install a new chain-link (green, not galvanized) fence along the west line of his property from the sidewalk to his home and then easterly to the southeast corner of his house. Behind the desired fence are bushes and on the west side is the neighbors' driveway (Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Young) which Mr. Faulhaber believes is encroaching onto his property.
- In addition Mr. Faulhaber wishes to repair the existing chain-link fence along his west line running north from the rear of his house in a northerly direction.

Following a discussion after Mr. Faulhaber and Kim left the Commission adopted the position that, pending personal viewing by Commission members, the fence in the front yard where no fence currently exists would not be in keeping with what is appropriate in the Historic District. (See Central Business District Zoning Amendments, July 1999 page 17, Section 152-23.5.5.53, item 6—"Chain link fencing is prohibited." The Commission has been following these guidelines for the past couple of years.) What would be appropriate and would be acceptable to the Commission would be a metal fence such as the one in front of Ralph Mohr's home or a picket fence such as in front of Joseph Giallanza's offices both of which are near the east line of the village on Broadway. Also acceptable would be a board-on-board fence such as the one between the Thomas Turtle Optician's offices and the Mobil Gas Station at the corner of Broadway and Central Avenue. Repair of the chain link fence in the rear yard is approved.

The Commission will respond to Mr. Faulhaber after the June meeting.

Moved—Jan Pecqueur

Second—Ron Batt

Approved

Status Reports:

➤ **Broadway**

Major work is underway at Broadway and Transit Roads where the fifth street, Litchfield Avenue is permanently being closed off to through traffic. The bridge in Depew will be removed first and then the one in Lancaster will be taken down. Despite the reconstruction work, the Fourth of July celebrations are still planned for this year. The cobra head streetlights from Central Avenue to the east village line have been installed. They provide a light that is more yellowish than the white light of the old fixtures. The sidewalks in Depew have been built from Transit Road to Penora Street. Work on the entire project is well ahead of schedule.

- **Presbyterian Church:** The plans are moving ahead for the construction of an addition at the rear of the existing sanctuary and for a new parking lot. They hope to be in their refurbished church by Christmas, 2002.
- **Secretary:** We are seeking a new secretary .
- **Property Forms:** There is nothing new to report on this subject this month.
- **Brochure for Lancaster:** No progress has been made on the preparation of a brochure for Lancaster. The Commission will probably need to wait until after changes on Broadway have been completed as it is expected that some businesses will no longer be in business after the project is completed. This matter is tabled until the September meeting for review.
- **Letters to homeowners:** It is hoped that these can be prepared for mailing later this year.

Review of Prior Meetings and Areas of Concern:

1. The New York Store will need to complete a petition for a certificate of appropriateness as Alan and Shelly Kurtzman intend to remove the covering installed on their building about 1970 and to repair the brick and the windows.
2. Jan Pecqueur suggested that perhaps the Village of Lancaster would be interested in acquiring the vacant lot at the corner of Central Avenue and Laverack Avenue for a "pocket park". This is not located within the Historic District, but it would improve the neighborhood and the entrance to the business district.
3. 5522 Broadway : The house which is located opposite from the end of Lombardy Street burned in the back about a year ago and was boarded up recently by the village. Jim Hill holds the mortgage according to a conversation J. Keysa had with the building inspector, Jeff Simme. Mr. Hill is in the process of getting the building back. The building has a multitude of repairs to be made after which he intends to sell it.

Future Meetings

Upcoming meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- June 12, 2002
- July 10, 2002
- August 14, 2002 (All dates are Wednesdays.)

Submitted by James S. Keysa