

LANCASTER NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES__ Meeting held Wednesday, December 20, 2000

1. Attendance:	Excused / Absent
James S. Keysa	None
Ronald Batt	
Jean Brunea	
Jan Pecqueur	
Joseph Giallanza	
William Harnack	
Michael Meyer	

2. Hearings:

- A. Richard Church appeared regarding a request for changes to the former Orioles Club building at 50 Central Avenue which he, his brother, Edward, and their wives purchased recently. They plan to re-open a restaurant with perhaps an Irish theme with a mid-range of prices catering to the Opera House clientele.

There are five areas where they are looking for approval for changes they wish to make at this time. The board addressed all of them, but was only able to rule on three of them until more information is submitted. The first floor facade facing Central Avenue was only tentatively presented until the Churches have had an opportunity to have their contractor locate the support column. Its location will determine the window configuration on the front of the building. Mr. Church indicated that the windows will be storefront-type windows about 18-24 inches off the ground and made of plate (safety) glass so as to allow as much natural light into the structure as is possible. The front door will have a niche to the north side for the menu and the existing metal door will be replaced. Mr. Church said that he would like to use a solid glass door, but members of the board suggested alternatives he might consider such as a wooden door centered in the space so as to have space on either side for windows. Mr. Church will make another presentation regarding this on Wednesday, January 3, 2000 at our next meeting.

The board also discussed future signage. There is a backlit sign presently on the building which the board would like to see removed. If it is removed any replacement would need to be lighted externally. Mr. Giallanza suggested that the new signage could be placed over the glass block windows which run across the front of the building. Any sign proposal will need to be addressed at a later hearing.

There were three areas where the board was able to provide an immediate decision. Mr Church indicated that they are very anxious to open in time for the lenten season and have a contractor ready to begin work immediately.

Decision:
(see attached)

Brunea also indicated that Mary Cansdale may be another possible candidate. Mr. Keysa will look into this.

7. New Business

✓ A. Meeting with Jeff Simme Mr. Keysa called for a meeting with Jeff Simme, the code enforcement officer for the Town of Lancaster who is now also serving in the same capacity for the village. He will be invited to the January 3, 2001 meeting to discuss standards, certificates of appropriateness, signage, etc.

B. Joseph Giallanza indicated that the Master Plan needs to be adopted. This process will involve the Historic District Commission.

C. Violations:

1. the Memories Restaurant sign is being replaced by a Lighthouse Deli sign without approval. Tammy at the Mayor's office has contacted them so that they can prepare a petition for our review.

2. Ronald and Karen Olson have erected a garage / storage shed behind their home at the corner of Broadway and Burwell Ave. They will need to be notified so that a petition can be submitted for our review.

8. Correspondence / Articles

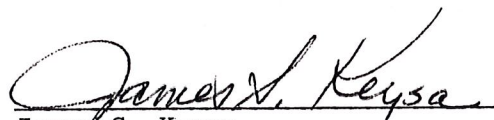
Jan Pecqueur brought in the Buffalo News article dated 10-31-00 announcing the state grant of ~~\$2000,000~~ for Central Avenue lighting, benches, etc.
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9. Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3, 2001. We will meet at 7:15pm and will have our hearing(S) at 8pm. The February meeting will be on February 7, 2001.

Adjourned

January 21, 2000


James S. Keysa

- B. Rita Abbotoy did not appear for a hearing for a sign for the State Farm Agency on West Main Street. She apparently has not finalized her plans for an externally lighted sign. Her original proposal was for a backlit sign. This has not been presented officially to the board.
3. Minutes: November 8, 2000
moved----Joseph Giallanza
second---Jeannette Pecqueur
Approved
4. Treasurer's Report Acomputer produced report from the office of the Village Treasurer dated 11-20-00 was distributed. There have been no bills submitted since that date. (copy attached).
5. Old Business:
- A. Municipal Building Parking Lot / Broadway
Lindy's Cafe is vacating its current location next to the Moose Club and is in the process of re-locating to 71 Central Avenue. Deputy Mayor, Jeff Stribbing informed Mr. Keysa that the building will not be demolished by the DOT until 2001 or 2002. Dr. Rudewicz does not want to make any changes to his buildnig to the west of it until this work has been done. Mr. Stribbing has given him the name of David Taylor as a possible person to give him ideas as to what could be done.
At this time the Village Attorney, Arthur Herdzyk, is reviewing the DOT contract for the demolition of the concrete block garage behind the Municipal Building and the payments to be made for re-locating it to another area of the property so as to open up space for the parking lot. It is expected that this will be approved shortly.
Mr. Stribbing is also looking into moving the utilities behind the Broadway properties rather than having them placed above ground on Boradway. He believes the estimated price of \$700.00 per property may be unacceptable to the property owners if the utilities were to be buried.
- B. District Extension Michael Meyer requested blue form samples for Flynn-Battaglia as their prior quote was more extensive than what is required and more than what our budget will allow.
- C. Presbyterian Church / #11 Lake Ave.--no developments to report
- D. Notices to property owners William Harnack has prepared a disc with a new letter on it which is intended to get the attention of the residents / property owners. Mr. Keysa will review the letter for our next meeting. He has also asked Michael Meyer to review our current petition ofr a certificate of appropriateness so that we can make it more useful and easier for people to complete. At our last meeting Mike provided a copy of Ithaca's petition which should be useful. The two documents could then be mailed to the residents and property owners as an update iseeded.
- E. Chamber of Commerce / brochures As indicated at the last meeting, Mr. Keysa will meet with director, Kathy Konst again after the first of the year.
- F. Secretarial Assistance Joseph Giallanza has made several attempts to secure secretarial services for the board and has learned that the secretary for the Town of Lancaster Planning Board may be willing to take the job. Jean