

Lancaster, New York Historic District Commission

Minutes---November 8,2000 meeting

1. attendance:

James S. Keysa, Jean Brunea, Jeannette Pecqueur, Joseph Giallanza, and Michael Meyer

excused:

Ronald Batt and William Harnack

2. hearings:

a). Lindy's Cafe (new location at 71 Central Avenue at the northeast corner of Pleasant Avenue) by Linda McDonnell and Wayne Welch

Decision:

1. handicapped ramp--to be installed on the south side of the building facing Pleasant Avenue--approved construction as submitted, but ramp to extend about three or four feet further to the west of the new side door so as to create a landing for safety reasons. A new side door to be installed which is glass on the upper half. The ramp to be constructed of treated lumber.
2. The door on the southwest corner of the building to be changed so that the door will open out rather than into the building.
3. The roof over the extension of the building at the front and part of the way along the south side of the building is to be replaced with a pitched roof which will allow for windows to be once again introduced to the front of the building in the future. The pitch of the new roof should be no higher than the bottom of the existing picture window on the south side of the building. This window is also to be replaced.
4. permanent signage will be addressed at a subsequent hearing. No approval is given for signage at this time.

Moved:J. Giallanza / second: M. Meyer

In the discussion preceding the decision it was understood that the replacement roof would not be a mansard type roof. It was suggested that the placement of a sign should be on the building in the front rather than on the roof. It could be hung from the front with gooseneck lighting.

3. Minutes: October 4, 2000--to be presented at a later time

4. Treasurer's report: not available (there have been no recent payments)

5. Old business:

a). Municipal Building Parking Lot / Broadway

-Progress of the project west of Transit Road has delayed the project to the east of Transit Road.

-Jeff Stribbing, Deputy Mayor, has informed Mr. Keysa that he would like to see the utilities along Broadway placed behind the buildings so as to avoid having them above-ground on Broadway. He said that it may be too expensive to have them put underground as the property owners must pay.

- there is a grant for \$200,000 from New York State for benches, lights, etc. on Central Avenue.

-The Teachers' Federal Credit Union is interested in purchasing a parcel of land behind the Rite Aid store for their new credit union offices.

-Edward Church and other members of his family have purchased the former Orioles Club building and intend to open a restaurant there.

-Scarlett's bought the building at the northwest corner of West Main Street and Central Avenue (formerly the Sugar Bowl, Endicott Johnson Shoes, and Lancaster Pharmacy) and intend to restore it. They already have part of their operation there.

- b). district extension-- Mike Meyer will check on the revision of prices offered by Jessie Schell of Flynn-Battaglia.
- c). Presbyterian Church / #11 Lake Avenue
Joseph Giallanza reported that he had spoken with Rev. Douglas Brandt recently and was told that the church would "soon" be in to see the historic district board. Jean Brunea reported that the choir is upset by the smaller space they would have and that many in the congregation do not like the design of the building.
- d). Notices to property owners
Michael Meyer presented a checklist used by Ithaca, N.Y. for their certificate of appropriateness which Bill Harnack could incorporate into the notices to property owners. It could also be used as a model for updating our own certificate.
- e). Chamber of Commerce
Jim Keysa will meet after January 1, 2001, with Kathy Konst regarding the development of a brochure for Lancaster. Kathy likes this idea which our board has presented.

6. New Business

- a). Jim Keysa again requested secretarial help for the commission.
- b). Joseph Giallanza reported on Village Partnership news
 - 1. Officers: He has been named as the new president, Shelly Kurtzman is the vice president, Jim Evert is the treasurer, and Bill Cansdale is the secretary.
 - 2. The BOCES building will be rented soon.
 - 3. Dan Baccari, who served both with the Partnership and as the Code Enforcement Officer of the village will be arrested for taking \$25,000. All but \$3,000 of this money has been paid back. The sum of \$10,000 will be paid to bring the records up to date.

7. Correspondence / Articles

8. Upcoming Meetings: (review-7:15pm, regular meeting-7:30pm, hearings-8pm)

Wed. Dec 6, 2000

Wed Jan 10, 2001

Wed Feb 7, 2001