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LANCASTER NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes - For meeting held on Wednesday September 6, 2000
at the Lancaster Municipal building.

1. Attendance

<u> </u> X <u> </u> James Keysa	<u> </u> X <u> </u> Joseph Giallanza
<u> </u> X <u> </u> Ronald Batt	<u> </u> X <u> </u> William Harnack
<u> </u> X <u> </u> Jean Brunea	<u> </u> X <u> </u> Michael Meyer
	<u> </u> X <u> </u> Jeannette Pecqueur

2. Hearings:

- 1). Nancy Buntins - Three Brothers Pizza Shop (SW corner of Broadway and Woodlawn Avenue). A request was made for either a 4 x 4 foot sign or a 4 x 5 foot sign which would be an A-frame type sign probably with exterior lighting. The sign would be removed at night and the lighting would probably be used only in the winter when it is dark outside earlier in the evening.

The sign will be white with either black or green lettering and a proposed sketch will be submitted to Mr. Keysa's office for board approval after it has been faxed to commission members. Ms. Buntins must also complete a petition for a certificate of appropriateness as all she provided was a sign petition. She indicated in her oral request that she had been given permission for a sign of 4 x 4 or 5 x 4 feet by the village based on the sign ordinance.

- 2). M&T Bank - Bob Bender appeared for the bank. He said the sign consultant had told him there was only one sign that would require approval. He realized listening to our conversation with the first hearing that we are not allowing new backlit signage. He said the bank has eleven signs they want to renew. He'll get back with us for the November 2000 meeting. The bank may just fix what they have. The bank is uncertain whether it will stay where it is with Broadway parking being taken away.

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Mr. Keysa also informed him that the bank will need to take care of finding fill to build a parking lot at the west end of the building. On the positive side, he also told him the Department of Transportation is supposed to build a period-style bridge and plant trees in the area so that it will look better than it does now. He also said both the Historic District Commission and The Friends of Broadway would like very much to see the bank stay where it is. He also asked if Mr. Bender would see if the bank would consider making the structure look more in keeping with the Victorian-era buildings in the village.

- 3). Bethany House - Jean Brunea reported that People Inc. who own the structure have their windows and are held up on their siding. They also need to have a survey of the surrounding area. They are a not-for-profit corporation and the Village of Lancaster would need to do this. She reported that Rhonda Fredericks, the director, could not reach the mayor, but would keep trying.
3. Minutes of the Wednesday 8/9/00 meeting were approved (moved by Jan Pecqueur/seconded by Jean Brunea).
4. Treasurer's Report - No changes anyone with bills to submit was instructed to do so.
5. Old Business
 - a). Broadway/Municipal Building Parking Lot/Tree Walk.
 1. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening on 9/7/00 for the plans for the municipal building parking lot with the various village departments.
 2. The Department of Transportation has not called Mr. Keysa regarding scheduling the Tree Walk.

3. Jan Pecqueur, represented the Historic District Commission at the meeting with the Department of Transportation, Village and Library Board which was held in August regarding the pulloff on Broadway in front of the library. The Village decided to withdraw its opposition when the Department of Transportation said the Village would be held harmless in the event of any accident. The decision was to have a semi-circular drive in front of the library accessible only for westbound traffic, The flag pole would be re-located to the center of the circle and brick pavers would be utilized.
 4. Jean Brunea provided copies of an article on Route 20 which appeared in the Buffalo News this weekend.
- b. Destination: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 13, 2000 at Try-It.
 - c. National Register - Jan Pecqueur has been in contact with Bill Natalzia (Building Department) who was unaware of installing the plaques. He will get back with her. Several property owners have already installed their own plaques, such as the post office, municipal building, ice cream shop, and Giallanza offices.
 - d. District Extension/Grant

No word has been received about any grant. Mr. Keysa asked for approval to utilize the remaining funds from the Batt donation to fund the blue forms needed for the extension of the district. It was moved by Joseph Giallanza and seconded by Jean Brunea to approve the use of funds for this purpose. Two bids will be requested from the firm of Flynn and also from David Taylor.
 - e. Presbyterian Church / 3 houses There is nothing new to report. Joe Giallanza indicated that Al Martin has apparently polarized many in the congregation by the expenditures for just the plans.

- f. Notices to property owners - Bill Harnack will be working on this. He has not been in attendance in August due to his vacation and tonight due to his mother's death last week. The board directed Jan Pecqueur to send a sympathy card to the Harnacks.

6. New Business

- a). Mr. Keysa read Ron Batt's letter regarding the boiler and windows at the post office not being maintained as they should be. The board directed Mr. Keysa to contact the postmaster, Kevin Cleary, regarding this. He will also contact Richard Lord at SHPO regarding the final agreements between the post office and SHPO as to alteration at the post office. Joseph Giallanza reported that he had heard the project did not come in under budget.
- b). Mr. Keysa asked as many people as possible to attend the conference on the Erie Canal to be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Buffalo on 9/11 on Tuesday 9/12.
- c). Michael Meyer was asked to make a report to the board at the next meeting regarding a meeting some people from his office attended on Wednesday 9/6/00 regarding sprawl. The speaker was the mayor of Rochester.
- d). James Keysa reported the Michele Gable of the Syracuse paper was in town to take pictures to accompany an article written by David Tobin. Recently he interviewed Mr. Keysa about Route 20, the planned changes, etc. The article was to have appeared over the Labor Day weekend. He'll contact the paper for copies.

7. Correspondence/Articles

A letter from Phyllis Stalica was read which supports the efforts of the board regarding the slowing of traffic and the preservation of the village.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 4, 2000.

Submitted by James S. Keysa