

LANCASTER NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes - Meeting held on Wednesday August 9, 2000
at the Giallanza Home - Elma

1. Attendance

Present: JAMES KEYSA
RON BATT
JAN PECQUEUR
JEAN BRUNEA
MICHAEL MEYERS
JOE GIALLANZA

Excused WILLIAM HARNACK

2. Hearings:

a). 5443 Broadway - Rebuild front steps and walks.
The walks are to be re-laid as they were very
uneven. The steps was deteriorating and will be
repaired with the top step being done with
treated lumber. Moved by Joe Giallanza/Seconded
by Mike Meyer - approved.

3. Minutes from July 12, 2000

Jan Pecqueur moved/Mike Meyer seconded - approved.

A discussion was held about a variety of items:

- a). The Code Enforcement Officer, Dan Baccari,
wants the agenda, etc. for our meeting 10 days
ahead of time. He also has complaint forms.
- b). Ron Batt asked that a complaint be prepared
concerning the Ralph Mohr property at Broadway
and Washington Street. The porch posts have
been unpainted for many months and he is
afraid the columns will deteriorate.
- c). We need a new tape recorder. It was moved by
Joe Giallanza and seconded by Jean Brunea to buy
a tape recorder, batteries and tapes as we have
been using the one from Jean Brunea.

4. Treasurer's Report - (attached - no changes)

5. Old Business

a). Broadway (1) Joe Giallanza reported that he had spoken with Senator Dale Volker who said one building (next to Moose) would be removed and eventually the other would too.

(2) Tree Walk - Jim Keysa spoke with DOT today - they are not ready to schedule tree walk apparently - they have not returned his calls.

(3) A discussion was held about the construction which probably will not happen until 2002. Central Avenue can't be done until the work on Broadway has been completed. The two bridges will be done at the same time. The DOT will pay part of the cost to re-do Central Avenue later as it is being used as part of the detour.

(4) No new information on the Municipal Building parking lot.

b). Destination Lancaster - A meeting was held at Try-It . again last night. Jim Keysa reported that it appears to him that the political powers are lining up so that they will have someone or something in place when they need it so that they will be able to deal with the removal of the Boces building and leave road debris there. (Joel Giambra, Dale Volker, Sandra Lee Wirth, Dale Larson, Bob Giza, Jeff Stribing). Joe Giallanza said they seem to be making a lot of work out of something that does not need it. What is needed is a bond anticipation note for the work that the DOT is not going to do so that the money will be there. The mortgage on the building is now about \$750,000 and must be brought down to about \$500,000 so the building can be torn down. Shelly Au is meeting with Fortis Co. representatives in New York on 8/8/00 to see about part of the mortgage being forgiven. Stan Keysa' name was brought up at the meeting to be manager for downtown. He has been away and has not been contacted yet. ?

c). National Register a). The plaques need to be put up. Jan Pecqueur was asked to check with the Village Public Works Department about installing the plaques. Some have been put up already such as the Municipal Building, Giallanza, and Ice Cream Shop.

b). Jim Keysa has prepared thank you letters to Denise Drushler for photos, Mrs. Nowak for old photo, and one to Bernadette Castro for the presentation of the certificates.

d). District Extension - It is necessary to have blue forms for each and every building in the addition to the district. If we do not receive a grant we will need to at least have a photographic record of the buildings. Jim Keysa asked Ron Batt to take the photos. (Municipal Building and M&T Bank west to Broadway and Aurora; Aurora to Central; Central from Brookfield Place north to Palmer Place on east and Saint Joseph Street on west side. Mike Meyer said the blue forms could be done by Flynn Battaglia, the company he works for.

e). Presbyterian Church - A complaint form is needed in regard to the fact that the three houses on the west side of Lake Avenue owned by the church are not being well maintained (trees are growing out of gutters, vines are growing on windows at #13,) etc.). It was the consensus of the group that they were purposely not taking care of the building.

f). Notices to the property owners - Bill Harnack will be doing this.

6. New Business

a). Complaint forms are now available for our use with the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Keysa wrote a letter to the Boys and Girls Club. It was the agreement of the group that the Boys and Girls Club should also have a complaint form written up due to the unauthorized and inappropriate window changes.

- b). Both Jean Brunea and Jan Pecqueur were thanked for obtaining the Erie Canal books and the inscription and signatures by the writer/photographer.
- c). Jim Keysa wrote to Kathy Konst asking the Chamber of Commerce to officially work with the Historic District Commission in preparing a brochure for the Village of Lancaster.
- d). Several buildings were mentioned which have been worked on recently and which have been well done such as the former Brown House at Central and Palmer Place.

7. Correspondence - Articles - Meetings
The meeting as of September will once again be held on the first Wednesday of each month. The meeting concluded with a thank you to Joe and Elaine Giallanza for hosting our meeting in the carriage house at their home on Bowen Road.

Submitted by James S. Keysa