

LANCASTER NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING - April 7, 1999

1. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Mr. James Keysa, Chairman
Mrs. Jean Brunea, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Jeannette Pecqueur
Mr. Joseph Giallanza
Dr. Ronald Batt
Mr. Michael Meyer
Mr. William Harnack

2. HEARINGS:

(a) Lancaster Federal Credit Union - 41 Central. Ann Sweeney & James Kostecky appeared. Their submission was the same as previously submitted and was rejected. It was discussed that Kim will look up petition from about 1 year ago, and the old sign can either be removed and damage area can be covered or corrugated area of existing sign could be completely covered.

(b) Mastercraft Upholstery - Nobody appeared to make request - tabled for 5th Meeting. The following suggestions were made:

1. The entire area behind the sign has to be re-faced.
2. It is recommended that the new sign should use a white background and black lettering. If this is not feasible, sign colors should be limited in number and should be compatible with the building facade.
3. An antique style sofa would be non appropriate.
4. There should be minimum wording, perhaps saying just Mastercraft Upholstery, the phone number can be in the window.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the March 17th meeting were approved. Motioned by Mr. Joseph Giallanza, seconded by Mrs. Jeannette Pecqueur.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

LNYPHC	a).	Office supplies (Balance as of 4-7-99)	
		Professional Services	\$ 259.06
		Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 10.00
		Office Supplies	\$ 250.56

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

(A). **BROADWAY:**

Mr. Joe Giallanza again told board that he understands NYS DOT has money to do entire project all the way to the east village line. It was suggested that we speak with Dan Baccari regarding any developments.

(B). **NATIONAL REGISTER:**

Mr. James Keysa reported that he had received a letter from Claire Ross that she was satisfied with the work submitted by Mr. David Taylor. Mr. David Taylor submitted a bill to Mr. James Keysa who was going to sign it so it could be paid.

(C). **RITE-AID DRUG STORE:**

Mr. Joseph Giallanza reported The Partnership has a contract to purchase BOCES. From John Alden Life Ins. Co. For \$900,000.00. They are applying for a grant and are trying to raise earnest money (have until 1st or 2nd week in June). They are looking at leases, etc.

Rite Aide and Village are still discussing corner of Central and Pleasant. Rite Aid wants corner of BOCES property.

(D). **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Mrs. Jean Brunea reported that she spoke with Al martin who told her that the church has the preliminary plans for the new sanctuary and will probably bring them before us within 2 months. They do not have any cost estimates at this point. Our members guessed at about 2-21/2 million dollars as a probable cost. Mr. Joe Giallanza suggested the church may want a "construction management".

(E). SESQUICENTENNIAL:

Mrs. Jean Brunea will provide the group with a schedule of events.

(F). DISTRICT EXTENSION:

Dr. Ronald Batt wants the group to pressure the mayor to hire a "name" attorney to appeal Judge Mintz's decision (must be appealed by 4-29-99) Mr. James Keysa raised the question and the group agreed that the decision isn't clear that just P. Sweet's corner is excluded from the district.

(G). TREE ORDINANCE:

Mr. Joe Giallanza to check with Kim to see if it was submitted to Dan Baccari and the Village Board.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) SIGN ORDINANCE: Kim provided copies of the E. Aurora and Orchard Park ordinances. A committee (Jeannette Pecqueur, Joe Giallanza, Ron Batt) will meet to review the ordinances and make a report back to the board at the May 5th meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/ARTICLES:

Mr. James Keysa reported that the Land Mark Society of the Niagara Frontier is sponsoring a 6 week seminar starting on Saturday 4-17-99 regarding preserving old buildings. Tour of the sessions will be held in Lancaster on Saturday May 5, 1999. We have been asked to have several buildings in the area open for a tour. Mr. Joe Giallanza and Dr. Ron Batt will let Mr. James Keysa know if they will be included.

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS: Review of Hearing Materials - 7:00 pm
Regular Meeting - 7:30 pm**

- a). Wednesday, May 5, 1999
- b). Wednesday, June 2, 1999

Respectfully submitted by Kim M. VanDeBogart