

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE / FRIENDS OF BROADWAY

DEPEW/CHEEKTOWAGA TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

July 7, 1992

SPECIAL MEETING

Attendance

(Those present will have \* in front of their names)

Historic District:

* Mr. James S. Keysa	* Mrs. Jean Brunea
Mr. Edward Mikula	* Mrs. Judy Michaels
* Mr. Michael Meyer	* Dr. Paul Kendall
* Mr. William Harnack	

Friends of Broadway:

Mr. Chris Brunea	* Mrs. Judy Michaels
* Mrs. Jean Brunea	* Mr. James Keysa
Dr. Marlene Redlinski	Dr. Duane Redlinski
* Mr. Michael Meyer	* Dr. Paul Kendall
Mr. Robert Deutschlander	Mr. James Delacy
Miss Kathryn Kochli	Dr. Robert Kling
* Mr. William Harnack	Mr. Edward Mikula

HISTORIC DISTRICT

HEARINGS

-Mr. Thomas Fowler 5441 Broadway

Mr. Fowler would like Board's approval on using J-channels up to brackets for the siding job on the above address. Motion by Mrs. Jean Brunea, seconded by Mr. Michael Harnack to grant approval to allow J-channels up to brackets with the stipulation that he try as much as possible to taper in towards the brackets so as not to cover more than 1/2" if possible. Motion passed.

-Mr. Edward Church 46 Central Ave. ReMax Real Estate Office Request tabled pending further information from Mr. Church.

- a) need petition to be filled out
- b) require proof from C.E.O. Daniel Baccari that the sign is within the size allowed by the Village Code
- c) need following info.:
  - 1) sign and frame materials and colors
  - 2) drawing or photo showing where sign is to be located on building
  - 3) the sign may not cover leaded-glass area of the fascade

-Mr. Daniel Baccari 5481 Broadway  
Motion by Mrs. Jean Brunea, seconded by Mr. Bill Harnack to  
grant approval to replace front steps and handrail as they  
currently exist. Motion passed.

Special Meeting with SHPO Delegation

Speakers

Mr. Larry Gobrecht  
Ms. Lucy Breyer  
Ms. Robin Bodo

-Ms. Lucy Breyer (SHPO Co-ordinator)

Lancaster was established as a Certified Local Government in  
1986. C.L.G. is a local historic community. Ms. Breyer handed out  
SHPO information. There is a Register of Historic Places on both  
the state and federal level. In New York State similiar criteria  
is needed for both registers. C.L.G.s have more control over  
properties than at state or federal levels. Federal level  
incentives include programs that allocate money for  
N.R. buildings and investment income tax credit for income  
producing properties. Properties on the N.R or S.R. will be  
considered for grant money if allocated to that type project.

Certified Local Governments

Partnership agreement that local mayor and SHPO commissioner sign  
committing to preservation.

Community obligations:

- 1) continue to enforce preservation laws
- 2) continue to have a qualified commission
- 3) operate survey system that is consistent with SHPO
- 4) comply with open meeting laws
- 5) annual report to SHPO

Commission obligations:

- 1) provide technical assistance upon request
- 2) priority to C.L.G. projects over other local governments
- 3) make available to C.L.G. through annual sub-grant programs  
some grant funds for preservation projects

Our commission needs to set an agenda of goals and priorities.  
Ms. Robin Bodo can help us with goal setting and steering us to  
the needed resources.

-Ms. Robin Bodo (Western N.Y. Territory Field Rep.)

Preservation Outreach Partnership  
Landmark Society of W.N.Y.

Ms. Bodo works as a information source center. P.O.P. is an  
agency that applies for grants and helps communities that don't  
have state agencies to guide them in this area.

-Mr. Larry Gobrecht (SHPO Co-ordinator of the Albany Office)

Steps in getting National Register Status:

- 1) ID resources
- 2) Assessment of resources based on quality, authenticity, rarity, architectural significance, survival of building, etc.

(The state has never done an official assessment of whether or not there is a N.R. eligible district that coincides with our local district as we have it mapped out. Mr. Gobrecht thinks some of our district has been altered too much to get on the N.R. as a whole but that's not to say that some of the consolidated areas or buildings within our district would not be eligible. A study of our Town Hall was started in the late 70's or early 80's for N.R. status but was never resolved. Broadway doesn't meet the criteria for N.R. status but some buildings in the district do.

#### Questions

Question: Would N.R. status help the Broadway project?

Answer: N.R. doesn't have the weight in these type projects that it wished it did have. Best defense for this project is community awareness and coalition of the right forces.

Question: Do individual buildings that you have noted as being eligible for N.R. have any particular reason to apply?

Answer: These buildings will be given top priority. Tax credit will be part of consideration. If the tax credit will determine that the building will survive it will weigh heavy in it's consideration. Buildings with the most significance for the future have a good chance for N.R. placement.

Question: What about the Village of Depew?

Answer: The village board could make a local designation of the Olmsted Road Plan. Keep in mind what you want to do and what you want to protect and how to integrate it into the master plan.

#### Tax Credits

There are some investments credit type write-offs that won't help. Ex: You just bought property and didn't put amount equal to previous adjusted basis into the property.

It is especially helpful if basis has been depreciated or if you have owned it for a number of years and have a low basis.

#### Politics

Lucy Breyer suggested that perhaps there is another project for roadway (Transit) where people do want the road widened so as to give Dale Volker another project. All three said Dale Volker and Vince Graber will be very important to us. DOT has spent a lot of money on Broadway and it is very hard for them to back down. They suggested that we get Town support, we keep the N.Y.S. Governor's Office, Comm. of Parks and Recreation, State Senators and Representatives informed. Stress the fact that 75% of the local population oppose the project and keep it in the public spotlight. Send petitions to the Governor's Office if we

haven't already done so. They said that the mail is "weighted". The more people who are protecting and investing in the district the more support there is to oppose the project.

They suggest for our part that doing "good preservation" is beneficial in the long run.

They suggest that every six months we nag the regional DOT (NFTA) about an alternate route and about removing Rt.#20 designation from Broadway through Lancaster. We should work to get a representative from Lancaster on the N.F.T.C.

#### Historic District

Our district is one of 27 districts in N.Y.S. known as a L.C.G. We were actually one of the first districts in N.Y.S. The designation means we can qualify for money when it is available.

Lucy Breyer said that she runs this project for N.Y.S. and that she has never been contacted by Lucy Curley. Ms. Curley may have called N.Y.S. and asked if we were on the N.R., in which case she would have been told "no", but we are a recognized historic district.

Lucy Breyer suggested:

- 1) that we familiarize ourselves with the planning board and others involved
- 2) have one member of the Village Board come to our meetings
- 3) we send annual reports or our regular minutes to the Village Board
- 4) we should build a network

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Respectfully submitted,



Gina Bolender