

LANCASTER, NEW YORK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of June 9, 2004

UNLISTED 7/26/04
CORRESPONDENCE

Attendance:

James Keysa
Jean Brunea
Jan Pecqueur
Joseph Giallanza
Michael Meyer
Ann Karb

Excused:

Ronald Batt
William Harnack

HEARINGS:

A. Robert Deutschlander – 5430 Broadway – Fence, mansard roof, relocate front door.

Mr. Deutschlander submitted a Petition for Certificate of Appropriateness as follows:

1. Replace existing fence on the east side of the property. The Board was presented with an illustration of the type of fence being considered, which is a scalloped design with finials.
2. Replace present shingles on mansard roof with asphalt shingles.
3. Relocate front entrance of the existing hardware store so it is more centered on that section of the building, in order to service two businesses simultaneously.

Mr. Deutschlander stated that the current signage will remain and possibly be divided to accommodate two businesses. Once his new tenants are in place, he agreed to return for final approval of the signage.

A motion was made by Joseph Giallanza to accept the three proposed items as submitted.
Second: Jean Brunea. Motion was approved.

**B. Vincent and Cassandra Marino – 5600 Broadway – Enlarge parking area.
John Gaulin – 5600 Broadway – Signage.**

1. Two separate Petitions for Certificates of Appropriateness were presented to the Board. Vincent Marino, the owner of the property, requested approval to expand the parking area of the property to about three times its current size in order to accommodate the requirements of his tenant, John Gaulin. The parking area currently can accommodate four cars, and he would like to add six additional spaces.

After discussion, a motion was made by Joseph Giallanza to accept Mr. Marino's petition as presented. Second: Jan Pecqueur. Motion was approved.

2. Mr. Gaulin was in attendance and presented a drawing of a proposed sign to be erected on an area to the left of the driveway at 5600 Broadway. The sign will be two feet wide by three feet high and will be suspended from a signpost. It was described as having a white background with black and red logo and lettering and, depending on material used, would be either painted or etched.

Joseph Giallanza made a motion to accept Mr. Gaulin's design as presented.
Second: Michael Meyer. The motion was approved by all Board members.

C. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maryniak – 5559 Broadway – Construction of a large addition.

In follow-up to their appearance at last month's meeting, the property owners, accompanied by Mr. Robert Rung from Cortese Brothers Construction, provided the Board with final plans for the proposed addition on their home. This addition is described in detail in the minutes from the May 12 meeting. After examining the final plans, the Board was in complete agreement with the proposed design. James Keysa indicated on the original petition that it was being accepted with changes shown on the final plans.

Joseph Giallanza moved that the final plans should be accepted as submitted.
Second: Jan Pecqueur. The Board voted to approve the motion.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the meeting of May 12, 2004 were distributed and read. There were no additions or corrections noted. Motion to approve was made by Michael Meyer, second by Jean Brunea. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

There was nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Broadway Status Report.

It was noted by James Keysa that a number of the young trees which had been planted have died, especially in the area past Aurora Street. It was also felt that a few more are needed in various places and that the Village should be contacted about this. The municipal parking lot has now been paved, although not striped, and Board members continue to be concerned that the existing guy wires present a safety problem in this area.

B. Central Avenue Status Report.

The Village has installed a stamped concrete path around the sign at Broadway and Central, and several benches have also been installed. One tree was removed and a couple were planted at that location. There was nothing additional to report.

C. Notices to Property Owners.

These notices have been sent out and James Keysa noted that he had received one or two calls requesting clarification or more information.

D. Tree Ordinance.

Nothing further has been heard from the Village on this.

E. Sign Ordinance.

James Keysa has been trying to get in touch with the Mayor to discuss this further but has been unsuccessful thus far. It appears that approval of the Central Business District design guidelines had previously been tabled by the Village Board; however, it is necessary that our Board have them approved. He will continue to attempt to discuss this with the Mayor.

F. Rotary Park.

There was nothing further to report. It was noted that some earth has been filled into this area as well as straw on top for growing grass. It is understood that the Village is looking at grants to help finance the Rotary Park project.

G. House Tour/Garden Walk – Saturday, June 26, 2004.

It appears that the publicity has been successful for this event and most of the house tour tickets have been sold.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party.

Jan Pecqueur informed Board members that the annual Christmas party has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, at the Old Orchard Restaurant in East Aurora and a separate room has been reserved for our group.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- A.** James Keysa mentioned that he has a client who will be moving to Florida who has a video of West Main Street in Lancaster before demolition was begun, and will provide this to him for its historical value.
- B.** A phone call was received by James Keysa from Colleen Walker of 16 Franklin Street complaining about the condition of the former Memories Restaurant on Broadway and expressing her desire to originate a petition to clean up this property. Jeff Simme has been in contact with the owner, but since there are no health or safety violations involved, his authority has been limited. Ms. Walker's goal is to obtain numerous signatures on her petition and be granted a hearing before the Village Board where the petition can be presented.
- C.** James Keysa furnished Board members with copies of an editorial from the Buffalo News concerning a state rehabilitation tax credit that could help preserve historic homes in the Buffalo area.
- D.** Mike Meyer provided Board members with copies of two Preservation Briefs discussing New Exterior Additions to Historic Buildings and the Appropriateness of Aluminum and Vinyl Siding on Historic Buildings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- (A) Wednesday, July 14, 2004.
- (B) Wednesday, August 11, 2004.
- (C) Wednesday, September 8, 2004.

It was requested by Joseph Giallanza that this evening's meeting be adjourned in memory of former President Ronald Wilson Reagan. The meeting was then adjourned.