

2/28/05

**LANCASTER, NEW YORK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of February 9, 2005**

Attendance:

James Keysa
Jean Brunea
William Harnack
Michael Meyer
Ann Karb

Excused:

Jan Pecqueur
Joseph Giallanza

HEARINGS:

A. inLighten, Inc. – 10 Aurora Street – David J. Saleh, Esq. – Installation of doors and awnings, and proposed signage.

A petition for Certificate of Appropriateness was submitted by inLighten, Inc. to obtain approval for installation of one standard overhead door and two exterior pedestrian doors for direct access to their space in the former BOCES building. The doors would be located between the Save-A-Lot store and existing common hallway entrance. They would also like to install fabric awnings above each door. The color of the doors would match the existing brick. The awning above the entrance to their office space would display the inLighten logo. A "no parking" area with small pole barriers is proposed for directly in front of their office. A detailed description of desired changes including a computer-enhanced photograph was provided for the Board's consideration. Mr. David Saleh, an attorney representing inLighten, was in attendance at this evening's meeting.

Information concerning inLighten signage was also provided. The fabric awning with the inLighten logo would be approximately 18 x 36 inches. On the other pedestrian door and also on the shipping entrance, they plan to paint the corporate name using approximately two-inch high lettering. No lighting is planned for these signs.

Jim Keysa noted that the "no parking" area would be an issue for the Building Inspector rather than for us. Possibly instead of pole barriers, this area could be striped off for the exclusive use of trucks delivering goods to the business. Mr. Saleh will discuss this with the Building Inspector's office.

The Petition was considered as two separate issues – (1) Doors and (2) Awnings and signage.

(1) A motion was made by Jean Brunea to approve the application for the doors with colors as described to match the existing brick. The motion received a second from Mike Meyer and was then approved by Board members.

(2) Another motion was made by Jean Brunea to accept the fabric awnings, including the logo on the door to the north, and the color as presented. Second by Bill Harnack. That motion was also approved.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the meeting of December 8, 2004, were read by James Keysa. (No meeting was held in January.) There were no additions or corrections noted. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Jean Brunea. Second by Bill Harnack. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Broadway/Central Avenue.

There was nothing new to report. Jean Brunea noted that one of the streetlights was out on Central Avenue and Jim Keysa suggested that Jeff Stribing should be notified about this. The municipal building parking lot still has unresolved issues that will have to be addressed again in the spring.

B. Sign Ordinance.

Jean Brunea reported that she had discussed with the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church our concerns about the backlit sign in front of the church. At this time it appears that he has no intention of removing the sign.

Board members were provided with a copy of a letter Bill Harnack had sent to Mayor Cansdale concerning signage in the village. The mayor expressed interest in getting together with our Board to further discuss this issue.

The deteriorating signage on a Central Avenue former funeral home also was discussed, but it was felt that until its condition worsens, it would be difficult for us to have it removed. It was suggested that Jeff Simme might possibly look into this.

C. Rotary Park.

There was nothing new to report on the park project.

D. Book Project.

Jim Keysa had previously spoken with Karl Kipp who has some information for us regarding a less expensive way to produce the book, but nothing has been discussed lately.

E. Replacement for Ron Batt.

We have had several suggestions for a replacement for Dr. Batt including possibly a member of the Dean Sutton architectural firm since they are in the District and would have a strong presence on the Board. It was also suggested that Ben Maryniak from the Lancaster Historical Society, or possibly Ron Czaplak might be interested in the position. Jim Keysa said he would call these people to inform them that their names have been suggested and ask if they would be interested. If so, we would appreciate a short statement as to their background, what their interests are, and what they might be able to contribute to the Board.

Jim Keysa also noted that it would be appropriate to send a letter along with a planter to Ron Batt expressing our appreciation for his years of service on the Board. Jean Brunea agreed to take care of this.

F. Potter's House – Presbyterian Church.

Jim had written to Mr. and Mrs. Stotz on 11/30/04 stating that Lancaster Historic District Commission will not approve glass block window replacement but will accept the repair and storm alternative. This evening the Board again discussed this issue. Mike Meyer made a formal motion that we will not allow the glass block windows, but will accept the proposal to repair the existing windows and install Lexan over the top consistent with SHPO recommendations. Second by Jean Brunea. Motion approved by Board members.

It was also noted by Jim Keysa that Mr. Stotz had questioned Rick Lord's statement that any Historic District Board that acts cannot be overturned by a Village Board or Town Board if they have not made an egregious error. We will have to find out the precise area where this statement is cited.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Harnack noted that there has been no recent history of Lancaster compiled since the 1970s and the website is out of date. He suggested going through archives of the Lancaster Bee for assistance in this, which would be a long-term project.

CORRESPONDENCE/ARTICLES:

Jim Keysa stated that he continues to receive copies of the minutes from the Village Board meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- (A) Wednesday, March 9, 2005.
- (B) Wednesday, April 13, 2005.
- (C) Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Meeting adjourned.