

LANCASTER, NEW YORK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of August 17, 2005

Attendance:

James Keysa
Jan Pecqueur
Joseph Giallanza
Tina Preston
Ann Karb, Secretary
Jeff Stribing, Community Development Director

Excused:

Jean Brunea
William Harnack

Absent:

Michael Meyer

This evening's meeting was called to order by James Keysa and he welcomed Tina Preston to her first meeting as a Commission member.

HEARINGS:

A. Betty Aquila - Repairs to "Sugar Bowl Building" at West Main Street & Central Avenue.

Ms. Aquila was in attendance at this evening's meeting to address repairs consisting of repairing rotted-out frames around dormer windows and replacing slate on the mansard section of the roof (both have been done). She also requests approval to repair wood around one of the windows on the second floor, to replace brackets and rotted molding on turret, and power washing of wood in order to repaint. She described future plans for power washing of brick, as well as installing awnings. These issues will be discussed at a future meeting. Joe Giallanza advised Ms. Aquila that she might want to look into programs relative to low cost financing through SHPO for her project because of the historical significance of the building. The Lancaster Industrial Development Agency might also be an avenue to explore, as well as contacting Senator Dale Volker's office for assistance in financing.

A motion was made by Joe Giallanza to approve the items as described – including repair of dormer windows and replacing of slate on mansard section of the roof, repairing wood around one of the windows on the second floor, replacing brackets and rotted molding on the turret, and power washing wood to prepare for painting. Second by Jan Pecqueur. Board members voted unanimously to approve the petition.

Jim Keysa informed Ms. Aquila that the written approval will be sent to her in the mail.

B. Craig Lindauer – 27 Central Avenue – Windows.

Mr. Lindauer and his business partner, Anne Herman, were in attendance at this evening's meeting after filing a Petition for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the windows on the second floor of their building. Currently in place are two 8 x 12 foot openings with three double-hung windows in each. It is planned to replace with six 90-inch double-hung windows with colonial grids, and to include a 30-inch transom above each window. No change will be made in the size of the original openings in the building.

A motion was made by Joe Giallanza to accept the proposed replacement windows, with the caveat that there will be no reduction in size of the present openings. Second by Tina Preston. The petition was unanimously approved by Board members.

Mr. Lindauer was presented with an approved copy of his petition, and a copy will be forwarded to Jeff Simme, Building Inspector.

F. M&T Bank.

The bank is scheduled to move to its new location on November 10. We have had no word on the future use of the building that will be vacated.

G. Book Project.

Jean Brunea, Jan Pecqueur and Jim Keysa met with artist, Karl Kipp, regarding illustrations to be included in our book of Lancaster historic landmarks and it was reported that significant progress was made at the meeting. Subsequently, Jim accompanied Karl Kipp to Parrinello Printing to discuss the project. We have developed specifications for the book and will contact additional printers to compare pricing, but we now have some preliminary pricing to work with. The tentative title of the book is Lancaster, New York, Architecture and History and the illustrations would be black and white. The cover would be card stock, 100 lb. glossy or 120 lb. chrome kote. The color of the cover would be black background with white lettering (both front and back), with pictures on both front and back. We would use 80 lb. card stock paper or, preferably, 100 lb. matte finish paper for the pages. The size of the book would be 8-1/2 inches x 11 inches, bound on the 8-1/2 inch side. Binding would be plastic ring binding. The total number of sides of pages would be 130-142, including title page, date page, table of contents, introduction, 60 pictures and 60 write-ups. Write-ups and pagination would be on the left-hand side, pictures would be on the right-hand side with no pagination. Pictures could be easily removed for framing, if desired. At the end of the book would be an index of about three pages. The book might be broken into segments such as (1) National Register, (2) Village of Lancaster, (3) Village of Depew, (4) Town of Lancaster, and (5) "Only Memories," which would add ten more sides. Names and pictures of present and past Board members might also be included at the end of the book.

The quoted printing price would include all set-up work. The price per book for 500 copies would be \$11.99 or a total of \$5,995.00. For 1,000 books, the price would be \$7.63 each, for a total of \$7,630.00. For 2,500 books, the price would be \$4.58 each, for a total of 11,450.00. An extra charge of fifteen cents per book would be charged for the 100 lb. matte finish on the pages. This would add \$75.00 to the cost of 500 books, \$150.00 additional for 1,000, and \$375.00 for 2,500 books. Reprints of books would be less expensive because it would only involve set-up costs. With the additional fifteen cents per book, the total cost would be \$6,070.00 for 500 copies, \$7,780.00 for 1,000 copies, and \$11,825.00 for 2,500 copies.

With the funding from the Town of \$7,500.00 and \$7,500.00 from the Village, as well as the funds from the Friends of Broadway account in the amount of \$1,500.00, plus approximately \$500.00 from our budget in lieu of subscriptions or supplies, we would have about \$17,000.00 available to cover the cost of the book. It was thought a cost of \$15.00 to \$18.00 could be charged per copy, and keeping the cost on the lower side would encourage more sales. Our main goal is to cover expenditures and to break even on the project while promoting our local landmarks to as many people as possible. It is our hope that the book could be completed sometime in the spring of 2006. Jan Pecqueur related a conversation she had with Sue Jacobs, Asst. Superintendent of Lancaster Schools, when she was informed that pupils in fourth grade will start the Local History unit in the beginning of May 2006. If the book could be completed by the end of April, the school system would probably purchase about 250 copies. The next meeting on the book project was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., August 29, 2005, at the Municipal Building.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- (A) Wednesday, September 14, 2005.
- (B) Wednesday, October 12, 2005.
- (C) Wednesday, November 9, 2005.