

Lancaster Historic District
Lancaster, New York

MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2006

1. Attendance / Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Keysa

Roll Call:

James Keysa, Chair	present
Jean Burnea	present
Joseph Giallanza	excused
William Harnack	excused
Michael Meyer	present
Jan Pecquer	excused
Tina Preston	present
Jeffrey Stribing	present (8:35 p.m.)
Jeffrey Simmi	absent

Roll call indicated that four (4) board members were present and a quorum existed.

2. Hearings

There were no hearings scheduled.

3. Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2005

M. Meyers requested the minutes be amended to remove an “s” at the end of his last name.

A motion was made by J. Burnea to approve the December 14, 2005 meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Meyers

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Carried.

ACTION: A copy sent to the Lancaster Village Clerk.

4. Treasurer’s Report

There was no treasurer’s report. T. Preston will prepare a report to be presented at the February 8, 2006 meeting. Clarification of the fiscal year being June 1st was made. J. Keysa informed Preston to pick up the treasurer’s report from the Village treasurer and prepare a separate report for the next meeting. He also indicated to board members J. Burnea and T. Preston to purchase office supplies as necessary. He requested the subscription to Old House Journal be renewed. T. Preston requested reimbursement for mailing

expenses incurred to date. He requested Preston receive clarification on whether the Village or the Board pay for the mailing expenses.

The board authorized these expenses.

ACTION: T. Preston prepare the Treasurer's Report for the next meeting.

5. Old Business

A. Broadway / Central Ave. Municipal Building Parking Lot

There was no new information available. Jim indicated that he requested the village to leave the tree lights up year round. The board agreed that the lights provide a pleasing warming effect.

ACTION: A letter be sent to the Village Board expressing this and suggesting they be kept on year round to make the downtown district more pleasing. T. Preston will prepare for J. Keysa's signature.

The concern over dead trees along Broadway was discussed. J. Stribing indicated that he contacted the DOT who stated they may extend the agreement for replacement replace them.

ACTION: In March to prepare a list of the trees which need to be replaced in March to be forwarded to the DOT by J. Stribing.

J. Keysa indicated there was nothing to report on the Rite Aid project

B. Central Business District (CBD)

J. Keysa opened the discussion on the CBD proposals which were provided to the board for review prior to the meeting. There was much discussion from board members on why the board was not involved in the process of the plan preparation sooner and the importance of parking downtown / parking garage. Additional comments included:

J. Keysa – Greatly prefers alternative #3 over the others, like horseshoe effect, amphitheater, covering over of the esplanade, concern over the 20 year lease on the cell towers located on the water tower.

M. Meyer – Liked #3 as well, concern over the parking garage which is expensive and prefers surface parking.

T. Preston – Like #3 concern over parking garage prefers surface parking. Using stairs or elevator to move people from upper to lower levels.

W. Harnack – (Comments were called into T. Preston who reported on his behalf.) Did not have any recall of the board being involved in the process of the preparation of the proposals and questioned why it was not more involved in the process since it affects everything within the historic district, did not like the parking lot and ramp, and does not approve any of the alternatives as they are presented.

ACTION: T. Preston send the proposals to board members not present and request they submit comments by 1/31/06 and compile to be included in recommendations to S. Keysa. J. Keysa will report to S. Keysa the board prefers proposal #3 as the best option presented. Additional comments are no parking garage and incorporate surface parking and up stairs or elevator in the new building west of the old Murphy's building.

Design Standards Committee Report – J. Keysa reported on what the committee did to compile the report. The report is being prepared in time for submission with some grant proposals.

ACTION: T. Preston send copies to all members for their review and request comments back to J. Keysa by 1/20/06 who will then share those comments with the committee.

C. Review of Hearings / Issues

Ladies Workout Express – Sign back lit should be removed or turned off and mobile signs should be removed.

NY Deli Sign – Backlit but grandfathered. Must be approved by the board.

ACTION: T. Preston follow-up with J. Simmi in two weeks regarding letter sent to him.

ACTION: T. Preston send note to Mr. Pfeiffer regarding the boards action in response to his letter.

Other concerns – Property on Court and Broadway regarding scaffolding on building, Mishloniks (sp?) building and Sweet Brier building needs brick repair.

D. Book – J. Keysa reported 52 pictures done to date. Need more help on write ups.

E. Church Tour – J. Keysa will try to coordinate at the end of April.

F. Rotary Park – there was nothing new to report.

G. M&T Bank – J. Keysa reported that there are currently three banks looking at the property. Members expressed concern over the drive thru 10 year lease which is being discussed and its effect on the Central business District plan.

H. Grants – Village is pursuing some grants. J. Stribing will be meeting with the grant writer to discuss options.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Correspondences / Articles

J. Keysa reported on announcement of grants but none qualify for anything within the district.

8. Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 – Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 – Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2006 – Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2006 – Book Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2006 – Book Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2006 – Book Meeting

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by J. Keysa to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Meyer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Carried

ACTION: none