#### Lancaster Historic District Commission

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# Lancaster, New York MEETING MINUTES

# February 13, 2008

#### 1. Attendance / Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Meyer.

James Keysa _ex	William Harnack	X	Grace Millerx
Jean Bruneax	Michael Meyer, Chair	x	Jeff Stribingx_
Joseph Giallanza ex.	Jan Pecqueur	ex.	Jeff Simme ex.

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

#### 2. Hearings / Petitions:

- a.) Tentative hearing scheduled: Hunt Mortgage (5440 Broadway): Signage: Did not attend.
- Petition received: Trinity Episcopal Church(5448 Broadway): Handicap ramp/deck/stairs; Signage

Additional information about the elevation and plan of the handicap ramp, deck and stairs is required before a decision can be reached. More complete information is also required for the signage.

ACTION: Miller will send a letter to the applicant and contractor detailing the information needed and schedule a hearing for the March 12, 2008 meeting.

#### 3. Administrative Matters:

## a) Approval of meeting minutes:

MOTION: Brunea: To approve minutes from December 12, 2007 meeting as amended. Seconded by Meyer.

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

MOTION: Harnack: To approve minutes from January 16, 2008 Special Meeting. Seconded by Meyer.

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

## b) Communications/Reports:

- 1. Treasurer's Report: Budget due Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Temporary sign ordinance: Simme sent word that the ordinance will be included as part of the code revision, which is still pending.

# c) Public Comment on Matters of Interest

- 1. 8 Clark Street (with Carriage house): Mr. Jason Hassett is interested in purchasing and restoring, to the extent feasible. He is currently preparing to place a bid on the property, which is in foreclosure.
- 2. 81 Central (1849/Simon House): Keysa (in a letter) vacant and in disrepair. Brunea: Needs paint.

ACTION: Miller will request that Simme take a closer look and send a letter to the owners itemizing any issue per code, carbon copied to the commission.

- 3. Wally's Gas Station (corner of Broadway/Aurora): Any future owners will need to come before commission to change building.
- **4. Frosty's (5500 Broadway)**: Stuff/trailer in front of building blocks view. Always passes health inspections. Is a permit required for trailer? Stribing: A peddler's license is required.
- 5. Elks (33 Legion Pkwy): Backlit signage.
- **6. 5512 Broadway (for sale):** Harnack: Architecture student Jeffrey Moore is interested in purchasing and possibly changing porches. All changes would need to be submitted to the commission for approval.

ACTION: Miller send info on historic district to address provided by Harnack.

7. Blakely's: Fire hazard, ignores violations; owner is acting chair of zoning. Will support be available if Dan Rinow in Building Dept. pursues this?

#### 4. Old Business

- a) CLG annual report: Only the CBD zoning law (ch. 152) needs to be added before report can be mailed.
- **b) SHPO/CLG Seminar in Lancaster:** May 22<sup>nd</sup>, try to required/encourage attendance by all village's board members.
- c) National Trust Main Street Program: Harnack looking into costs for lecturers, could use professional services budget?
- d) Local Landmark Designation: We already have this legislation.
- e) Book Budget purchases:

ACTION: Miller will submit purchase order for relevant titles.

#### 5. New Business:

a) Alternate board member legislation: Public Hearing Mon., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8:15 P.M. ACTION: Miller will attend hearing to argue for legislation.

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- b) Preservation Commission Members Reception @ the Buffalo Club: Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 P.M.
- c) Book Sale: Reviewed on p. 45 of Heritage Magazine, with cover image.

# 6. Correspondence/Articles:

Meyer sent emails to Mayor re: non-conforming signs and tax exemptions for improvements to contributing properties in the historic district.

# 7. Next Meetings:

March 12, 2008, April 9, 2008, May 14, 2008

# 8. Adjourn

MOTION: Grace: To adjourn at 9:10 P.M. Seconded by Brunea. MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Carried.