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MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2009

I. Attendance / Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. by Chairman Meyer.

Brunea, J.	<u>ex.</u>	Alternates:
Giallanza, J.	<u>ex.</u>	1. Kwiatek, R. <u>ex.</u>
Harnack, W.	<u>x</u>	2. Hassett, J. <u>x</u>
Meyer, M., Chair	<u>x</u>	
Pecqueur, J.	<u>ex.</u>	Simme, J. <u>x</u> (Bldg. Dept.)
Preston, T.	<u>x</u>	Stribing, J. <u>x</u> (Village Bd. Liason)
Miller, G., Secretary	<u>x</u>	

Roll call indicated that four (4) board members and one (1) alternate were present and a quorum of five (5) existed.

II. Public Hearings: None**III. Administrative Matters:****A.) Approval of meeting minutes: March 11, 2009**

MOTION: Harnack: To accept minutes from March 11, 2009 meeting as amended.

Seconded by Preston.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of five (5) to zero (0). Carried.

B.) Communications/Reports:

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Miller: Book order to go out.

C.) Public Comment on Matters of Interest

1. **Calvary Chapel (5575 Broadway):** Sold to another church. No further information is available.

2. **Frosty's:** Simme: Property owner agrees about moving the trailer, perhaps to the left. Simme will go over as soon as there is paving activity to make sure of placement.

Preston: Possible grants for the property should be identified.

3. **Ralph Mohr (Broadway):** Still no roof on porch and the door is boarded up. Other work is taking place at foundation.

4. **5631 Broadway:** Eaves/edge of roofing is in disrepair, and could lead to major damage to the structure.

5. **Memories:** Stribing: If toxic substances are being stored that is bad for a

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residential area. Simme will prepare a letter and submit to the board for tweeking.

6. Vacant Buildings: Harnack: Other municipalities have codes for dealing with the deterioration of properties that are vacant for a year or more. Simme: referred to the state code but noted that it doesn't control paint. Meyers: referred to the property maintenance code.

7. Bowen Road School House: Bricks may not be sealed properly.

8. Kotansky's: Harnack: Windows are missing, possibly including frames.

Simme: Will request that windows are repaired.

The site could be put to use as a farmer's market through the grant program, which would require the grant writer to prepare the grant. Miller has read it through and it is very involved.

9. Business district street lamps: Harnack: Currently the bulbs are bright halogen – harsh and uninviting. Simme: There were complaints to the Village Board about it being too dark, and allowing kids to get into trouble. A possibility would be installing pedestrian lights to light walkways, so that the street lights could just be used to light the streets in higher traffic areas.

10. Moose hall: Harnack: corner siding is exposed. Stribing: The roof is being repaired and they may be addressing leaks. Harnack: Could façade money be used, or similar funds from other places? Stribing: There is a waiting list for funds for the façade improvements. Matching funds are being sought.

11. Boces Building: Stribing: Restore NY Grant available to remove, but must have an idea for development: shovel-ready. The grant won't cover the debt on the building. The Village Board could bond 2.5 million, and if the Town also bonded it could total 5 million. Kaleida and Save-a-lot could partner in the future in a building built by developers, with Kaleida expecting to expand later.

12. Opera House: The anchor of the business district, but it is having trouble. There is lack of support for mainstreet because it isn't successful and it isn't successful because it needs support. Harnack: Have to have the whole picture to be successful, not just design.

IV. Old Business

A.) Title Search for Expansion Properties: Tabled.

B.) Town Hall Expansion: CLG issue: Does our federally certified status give us jurisdiction over project? Harnack: CLG is part of national preservation ordinance, so it's a higher authority. Simme: We need to get a copy of the document verifying authority over the project.

C.) Temporary signage: Broadway Deli: Simme: The owner of the deli didn't follow

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the code so the owner of the property will receive a letter and then the matter goes to court if not resolved. The proposed signage ban should be included throughout the historic district. A letter should be sent to the planning board to have them look at amending the signage code accordingly. It could be on the agenda for the 16th.

ACTION: Miller will send letter specifying that language regarding the boards discretion on a case-by-case basis be added at the beginning, and that the CBD sign ordinances, including the proposed signage ban, be extended throughout the Historic District. She will attend the meeting on the 16th.

D.) SHPO meeting: Most details have been finalized and the event has been publicized.

E.) LCDC proposed Conceptual Plan: Stribing: Proposed plan is just a starting point: the details would be different in any actual development project.

MOTION: Harnack: To approve, with his personal recommendations that the one-way east-west curved parkway between west main and central become two entrance ways to parking lot; the rest of the alley become green space; the green space north and east of Cayuga creek be extended to parking facility; the amphitheater be reinstated. Seconded by Preston.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of five (5) to zero (0). Carried.

F.) Landmark Society Conference: Hassett, Miller, Meyer, Stribing and possibly Kwiatek will attend.

G.) CLG grant RFP: Meyer: Completed and can be sent out but funding status is unclear.

V. New Business

A.) Lancasterpast.com Middle School website Project: Miller has been in contact with teachers who are working with their students to create and interactive web map of the village with historical information about each building. They are interested in working with Mr. Harnack to connect it to Lancasterpast.com.

B.) Tree Ordinance: Harnack: Review and place on agenda for next meeting.

C.) 71 Central Ave: Simme: Condemned. Obtained a court order to inspect and found water damage and mold throughout. A bench warrant has been issued for owner. The residents were given 24 hours to evacuate. The couple that holds the mortgage are trying to get it back. It won't necessarily get demolished.

D.) National Alliance of Preservation Commissions: \$80 to join. Tina suggests that

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since the budget has been committed for this year we will look into the organization for next year.

VI. Correspondence/Articles: none.

VII. Next Meetings:

May 13, 2009

June 10, 2009

July 8, 2009

VIII. Adjourn:

MOTION: Miller: To adjourn at 9:17. Seconded by Harnack.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of 5 (5) to zero (0). Carried.