

Historic District Commission
April 14, 2007 – Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Room #3
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Ellen Sharon, Robert Kvederas, Nancy Anderson, Peter Chesnes, Alternate Janice Adams; Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Zoning Enforcement Officer Craig Grimord.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairman Deborah Hayn

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Vice Chairman Sharon called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS.

No additions requested.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

A. Minutes of March 10, 2008, Regular Meeting.

Motion by: N. Anderson

to waive reading of the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous to approve by those present.

Motion by: R. Kvederas

to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting with a correction to Page 2, Item 6B. dates should read: "The School for Colored Children will be open on *May 5, 6, 7* (rain date *5/09/0*)."

Second by: P. Chesnes.

Vote: Unanimous.

4. FIVE MINUTE SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC.

No comments received.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- A. HDC #08-037 David McElroy**, 63 Hayward Avenue – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to lower an existing commercial freestanding ground sign and to review the choice for outside light fixtures and garage doors from previous application HDC #07-035. (Public Hearing continued from March 10, 2008).

Vice Chairman Sharon continued the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. noting the voting members for this application are J. Adams, P. Chesnes, E. Sharon, N. Anderson, R. Kvederas.

Tammy Luth, 63 Hayward Avenue, representing the applicant, came forward to state that moving the sign to the left side as mentioned at the Public Hearing in March would not be possible as it would be too close to the side line of the property. The sign will be lowered six inches and the solar lights removed.

Vice Chairman Sharon asked for others to speak in favor or in opposition. No others were present to speak.

Motion by: N. Anderson

to close the Public Hearing.

Second by: P. Chesnes.

Vote: Unanimous. Time 7:04 p.m.

The lighting issues were decided on at the March 10, 2008 meeting and the applicant has withdrawn the request regarding the garage doors at this time.

Discussion followed on the placement of the sign. If it is moved perpendicular to the street it would require painting the backside. Craig Grimord noted that this would not be considered two signs. There is a question regarding moving the sign to the right (southwest corner) of the property. Members reviewed the map submitted with the original application, Exhibit A entitled "Site Plan for Addition, Assessor's Map 16, Lot 53, 63 Hayward Avenue, Colchester CT dated September 25, 2007, prepared by Jess J. McMinn, LLC."

The size of the sign was questioned but no measurements were on the application. N. Anderson stated that turning the sign would be less obtrusive for the house. J. Adams noted that it would incur a cost for painting the sign.

Motion by: R. Kverderas

to approve the existing sign pivoted perpendicular to the street or move the sign to the right of the property horizontally to the street between the sidewalk and driveway and drop it down by six (6") inches.

Second by: N. Anderson.

Vote: Unanimous.

6. PENDING APPLICATIONS.

None at this time.

7. NEW APPLICATIONS.

ZEO Grimord said there are possibly three applications that will be coming before the Board. One is for Cafe Mangia for an outside dining area, 71 Linwood Avenue for demolition of existing house to construct a bank and 156 South Main Street for additions.

8. OLD BUSINESS.

J. Adams said she had left two messages for Carla asking if she could help with the third and fourth grade tour in May. To date there has been no return call. Another volunteer is scheduled for one day, J. Adams will take one day and N. Anderson said she would open the school on the third day. J. Adams will open and close the School each day.

R. Kvederas said the Boy Scouts have scraped the sign posts in preparation for priming and painting in early May.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

No new business.

10. COMMUNICATIONS.

C. Grimord noted that Jack Faski will be coming to the May meeting with another application and questions under the old application regarding the fence.

A letter has been sent to NuNu's with a response received to bring the sign and lighting into compliance.

11. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT.

A letter has also been sent to Dante Laterra regarding 32 Norwich Avenue and C. Grimord will be working with him to hopefully resolve the sign issue. A Certificate of Appropriateness had been issued for a sign submitted some time ago by a tenant, however, as D. Laterra said he was not aware of the application, it cannot be enforced and C. Grimord has spoken to D. Laterra about resubmitting the proposal.

First Step Daycare will be sent a letter regarding the sign on the building.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by: N. Anderson
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous.

Vice Chairman Sharon adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk