

Historic & Architectural Review Board

Meeting
APRIL 19TH, 2011 4:30 PM

PRESENT:

BARBARA CIAMPINI
LEE CALISTI
BARBARA JONES
PETE CICCAGLIONE
NANCY STEWART
AUTUMN DELELLIS

ABSENT: STEVE GIFFORD, CHAIRMAN

Barbara Ciampini: Has everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the March 22nd, 2011 meeting? If there are no questions or comments can I please have a motion to approve the minutes as presented?

Autumn DeLellis: I make a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Lee Calisti: I second the motion.

All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 702 W. Otterman Street-Owner-Fred Petrella-Applicant-Fred Petrella-Project Signage

Item #1 702 W. Otterman St.-Owner-Fred Petrella-Applicant-Fred Petrella-Project-Signage

Fred Petrella: I live at 148 Goldleaf Lane, Hunker Pa. I am here tonight to get approval for an awning above those two doors, (he is pointing to the screen). It will be a brown awning and I believe Barb has the material. (Barb passes it around) There will not going to be any lettering on it. That is pretty much it.

Barbara Ciampini: It's just a traditional awning, nothing fancy about it.

Pete Ciccaglione: The one awning, is that going to cover both doors?

Fred Petrella: Yes.

Barbara Ciampini: I probably have another picture here.

Lee Calisti: What is the profile of the awning? Is it square or round or what?

Fred Petrella: It will come out about (3) or (4) feet and just taper off to the building.

Barbara Jones: Those doors are not the same height?

Fred Petrella: Correct, it will be above the highest door.

Barbara Ciampini: Fred, do you mean this window here? (Barb is pointing to the screen). So it's going to go across this way?

Fred Petrella: Yes.

Nancy Stewart: How far out does it come?

Fred Petrella: I believe its (3) three feet or a little better so the doors will open.

Barbara Ciampini: So the actual structure will start here and go up somewhere in this area (Barb is pointing to the screen) and come out?

Fred Petrella: It will be right above that window.

Barbara Ciampini: Right here? (Barb is pointing to the screen)

Fred Petrella: Yes and it will come across.

Barbara Ciampini: So about here? (Barb is pointing to the screen)

Fred Petrella: Correct.

Lee Calisti: So that transom window that is there right now won't be visible until you look up under the awning?

Fred Petrella: Right. You won't be able to see it from the street.

Barbara Ciampini: That is probably the better way to do it, don't you think?

Pete Ciccaglione: There is not a whole lot you can do about it. It is what it is.

Fred Petrella: Had I'd given it any thought I would have had that transom taken out from the beginning. It would have been more uniformed so for now I'm just going to put it above that transom and see what it's like. Maybe later on I'll have that removed and have the awning lowered.

Barbara Ciampini: Does anybody have any questions?

Barbara Jones: I don't have a question but I think it would be helpful to have a drawing of it so we can see it instead of trying to visualize it.

Barbara Ciampini: Fred forgot it.

Fred Petrella: *Nicewonger's* did not bring it up?

Barbara Ciampini: No.

Fred Petrella: Do I have to come to the next meeting again?

Barbara Ciampini: If you supply it to me I'll get it to everybody after the fact, but you're going to have to get me something for the permit.

Fred Petrella: I'll have it tomorrow.

Lee Calisti: What is helpful is to see the awning in context over the photo, not just the independent drawing, but what does the awning look like over the photograph.

Fred Petrella: Okay.

Barbara Ciampini: *Nicewonger's* should be able to do that for you. Whatever recommendation we make to City Council I suggest including the drawing/photograph as a contingency so whoever wants to make the recommendation could please include that statement and then once Fred produces the documents I'll get them to everyone.

Nancy Stewart: I make a motion that we approve the signage as presented as long as we get the drawing.

Pete Ciccaglione: I second the motion.

All were in favor

New Business:

1. 534 W. Otterman Street-Owner-Melanie Alexander-
Applicant-Mary Janicki, d/b/a *Hydration Skin Care Studio* –
Project-Signage
2. 800 Cabin Hill Drive-Owner-First Energy-Applicant-*West Penn Power* –Project-Signage

Item #1 534 W. Otterman Street-Owner-Melanie Alexander-
Applicant-Mary Janicki, d/b/a *Hydration Skin Care Studio*-Project-
Signage

Mary Janicki: I own *Hydration Skin Care Studio*. I am going to be moving into Melanie's *Moonglow Yoga* building and I believe you have all the information in your packet.

Barbara Ciampini: Is that the sign you have on E. Pittsburgh Street?

Mary Janicki: No it's not.

Barbara Ciampini: You're not looking at any kind of projecting sign on her building?

Mary Janicki: No, I did ask her and Melanie's not interested in that and this is what she wanted to do.

Barbara Ciampini: Okay.

Nancy Stewart: That is a one way street anyway.

Barbara Ciampini: Yes, you're going to see her sign because you have to go in that direction.

Nancy Stewart: That looks nice it's a nice combination.

Barbara Ciampini: That is what I said to Mary before the meeting started. Their partnership in the same building should be a good thing for both businesses. You can now you can have skin care done and take yoga all in one swoop. Does anybody have any questions for Mary? If not I would like to entertain a motion to approve the sign request?

Lee Calisti: I make a motion to approve the signage as presented.

Nancy Stewart: I second the motion.

All were in favor.

Item #2 800 Cabin Hill Drive-Owner-First Energy-Applicant- West Penn Power –Project-Signage

Jeff Criss: I am with *Advanced Signs* and my address is 1010 Sawmill Run Boulevard, Pittsburgh Pa. 15266.

Bruce Branthoover: I am with *West Penn Power* and my address is 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pa.

Jeff Criss: What we propose to do is actually make the sign and you can see what it looks like

Lou DeRose: And there it is- installed without a permit.

Nancy Stewart: It does look nice.

Bruce Branthoover: The original sign posted on either end of that (12) twelve foot sign was installed in 1954 and they were fifteen (15) foot high and when they redeveloped that site back in the early 90's to make room for the drug store and tried to improve the red light and things like that. We lowered the sign at that time, in the early 90's to the present height. We also have placed (2) two spot lights on either end of it. It has the original posts and like I said it's been there since 1954 and the sign was lowered and I believe that was in 1991.

Jeff Criss: I truly apologize for installing it without a permit. It was my fault.

Nancy Stewart: I make a motion that we approve it as installed.

Barbara Jones: I second that motion.

All were in favor.

Barbara Jones: I make a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

