



QUINCY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 26, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Ricci, Chair, Edward Fitzgerald, Maralin Manning, Ron Affsa, Erin Hunt, Todd Grossman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Nugent, Bldg. Dep't., Alternate Nick Verenis,

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mary Smith

Meeting called to order @ 7:p.m. Approval of Minutes was delayed to the end of the agenda.

Public Hearings:

7:05 p.m. 1250 Hancock St.: Bellotti law Group

_____ The Applicant, Atty. Peter Bellotti represented his proposal to the Commission. He indicated that he would place signage as the previous tenant had in the windows. On a motion by Member Hunt, second by Member Manning the application was accepted 5-0.

7:15 p.m. 1415-1429 Hancock St.: Dirty Dogs

_____ The Commission listened to the owner's representative explain that the new sign would be exactly as the temporary banner that is currently in place. Member Ricci noted the disabled gooseneck lamp over the sign and asked for it to be repaired. On a motion by member Hunt, second by Member Grossman, the Commission accepted the application as presented with conditions. The applicant must replace and or repair all gooseneck lamps. And must also remove the neon sign in the window by moving it back off the window. If that can not be done, then the applicant must re-apply for that sign. The motion carried 5-0.

7:25 p.m. 1653 Hancock St.: Finians

_____ Yiannis Emmanouilidis represented himself, as the applicant. Member Ricci noted the proposed window change as not being in the traditional Colonial style as it is presently. The new window scheme seemed more 'slick', but was in line with other establishment in the district. It was noted that the applicant was in violation of the number of signs on the storefront as a result of the new awning already approved by the Commission. The applicant is aware of the situation. On a motion by Member Grossman, second by Member Manning the application was approved as long as the number of signs is reduced from five (5) to three (3), which must happen by May 2010. The motion carried 4-0, with Member Hunt abstaining.

7:35 p.m. 50 Adams St. : Planet Fitness

_____ Member Affsa recused himself.

The applicant came before the Commission after having been ordered to stop work on the project by The Building Department for failing to seek Commission approval prior to construction on the exterior of The building. The applicants were in attendance as was the property owner, Ms. Lee Costello, and Architect for the project, Mr. Arthur Choo, whose office is located in No. Quincy. Discussion ensued Landscaping for the building and parking. The applicant indicated that there were provisions for At the front entrance and that they planned on using existing parking lot(s) on both sides of the street. They would be re-striping the parking facilities. Chairman Ricci indicated that because of the property's Location being so close to the Adams Estate and serving as a gateway to the Downtown, that a better Could be developed with new/repared sidewalks and tree plantings. The applicant and the property Owner agreed with Chairman Ricci and are willing to engage with the appropriate city department To create a new streetscape. On a motion by Member Hunt, and second by Member Manning the Plans were approved for building improvements, front landscaping, and chimney repairs. The Applicant and property owner will meet with the City to improve jointly the strreetscape. The vote was 4-0.

On a separate motion by Member Hunt, second by Member Manning, the applicant presented his Design for signage. Staff indicated that no application for signage was submitted. The Commission Decided it was appropriate to consider the subject. The applicant was given approval for three (3) Signs. Two (2) pin signs for the building along with a back lit pole sign already existing were Approved. The pole sign is to be black background with whit lettering. The vote was 4-0.

7:45 p.m. The members discussed the letter from MHC denying funds applied for in a grant proposal for restoration of the Hancock Cemetery. Member Hunt indicated that the denial was based on a mathematical error and was not really a sufficient reason to deny the grant, but in light of their small amount available, that became enough of a reason for MHC. The members agreed to move forward with a RFP to move the project ahead.

8:25 p.m. The minutes of the QHC meeting of March 22, 2010 were unanimously accepted on a motion by Member Fitzgerald, second by Member Affsa.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Member Fitzgerald, second by Member Manning.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Verenis