



# QUINCY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tony Ricci, Chair; Susan Canavan, Vice Chair; Ed Fitzgerald; Todd Grossman; Erin Hunt; Maralin Manning; Mary Smith  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anne Corcoran  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathy Nugent  
**ALTERNATES ABSENT:** Nick Verenis

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ricci. A quorum was met.

**7:05 p.m.** Minutes of the July 27, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Member Canavan, second Member Fitzgerald.

**7:10 p.m. 1515 Hancock Street, Brockton Area Multi Services; Replace existing sign face for existing sign box:**

Ms. Lisa Mann of Sign Design represented the Applicant.

After a brief discussion and review of the original sign photo, a motion to approve was made by Member Canavan, seconded by Member Grossman, for face replacement and script changes to the sign. Approved: unanimous vote.

**7:15 p.m. 1200 Hancock Street, Citizens Bank; Replace drive-in teller area with automated system:**

Mr. Gregory A. Knight of H&H Builders, Inc., General Contractors, represented the Applicant.

Mr. Knight explained that the goal of the project is to replace the bumped out structure to bring the teller back into the building and perform transactions via a tube system. The Members viewed the plans which Mr. Knight explained and also viewed a sample of the proposed window panels to be used in the replacement. After some discussion, a motion was made by Member Grossman and seconded by Member Manning to approve the application with the caveat that when the flashing and precast panels are removed that any holes be patched and the area be cleaned up. Vote to approve: Unanimous.

**7:20 p.m. 103-105 Franklin Street, The Sippy Cup Place: Continued hearing from July 27, 2009:**

Because meeting ran ahead of schedule, Commission agreed to move this Agenda item down on list until Applicant is in attendance.

**7:21 p.m. 1424 Hancock Street, Crvstal Foot Care: Erect one 192”L x 36”H aluminum panel sign to replace the existing aluminum panel sign of the same size:**

Mr. Hui Gao (aka “Grant”) of Excel Sign & Decoration Corporation represented the Applicant.

Mr. Gao presented to the Commission that the Applicant would like to remove wording on the current sign and cover with aluminum sheet with vinyl lettering. He stated that the proposed sign would be very similar to the current sign except for the three-color logo. In addition, he stated that the proposal is also for a window neon sign. There was discussion around the excessive amount of posters in the windows, and other excessive signage. Mr. Hui was asked to convey to the tenant that no more than 10 percent of the door glass could be obstructed. Mr. Hui said that there would be a maximum of 5 colors used; the vinyl lettering would be white, font: Arial bold. A motion was made by Member Hunt and seconded by Member Canavan to approve the large sign as submitted, approve the neon sign as long as it is non-kinetic (not flashing) and lit during operating hours only, and that all temporary signage is removed before the new signs are allowed. Follow-up required of Mr. Hui: He is to provide the hours of operation, as he didn’t know the hours at the time of his presentation.

**7:30 p.m. 1433 Hancock Street, Metro PCS: Erect one 192”L x 36”H Aluminum panel sign to replace the existing aluminum panel sign of the same size:**

Mr. Hui Gao (aka “Grant”) of Excel Sign & Decoration Corporation represented the Applicant.

There was discussion concerning the "For Rent" sign posted and other inappropriate signage; these signs must be removed. Though the Applicant's application showed the sign as blue, Mr. Gao stated that the sign is actually purple. Mr. Gao also stated that the Metro sign box will be taken down. The Chair cautioned that if the sign box belongs to the landlord, it must not be removed. Kathleen Nugent and Chair Ricci stated that if the box comes down, any patching must be acceptable to the owner. Mr. Gao stated that the plan is for the Applicant to move in September 1, 2009. A motion was made by Member Fitzgerald and seconded by Member Hunt to accept the application as submitted, Vote for approval: unanimous.

**7:41 p.m. 103-105 Franklin Street, The Sippy Cup Place: Continued hearing from July 27, 2009:**

Chair Ricci opened discussion with Applicants: Ms. Sandra Donnelly and Mr. Peter Donnelly.

After review of all previous discussion, including the minutes from the July 27, 2009 meeting and the inspectional services letter of June 8, 2009, the petitioner was given the opportunity to make their case once again. Chair Ricci facilitated discussion among the Commission members, and each member made their opinion known. During these discussions, the 1986 survey information and photo were reviewed.

Ms. Sandra Donnelly read from a set of general guidelines about the Quincy Historic District. Ms. Donnelly also showed (but did not leave) a petition with signatures in support, whereas the Commission mentioned one complaint call to the Planning Department from a neighboring business owner. Mr. Ricci mentioned that all members have reviewed the property and the photographs of the building.

More discussion among the Commission members ensued, including whether to approve or not approve the yellow and leave other action to Inspectional services. Compromises were discussed, including the possibility of using historic colors instead of bright colors. During this discussion recently added flower pots on the Dunkin Donuts side of the building, a sandwich board and furnishings and activities on the public way were mentioned. The Commission also noted that the ice cream shop at 103-105 Franklin Street had its current façade approved by the Commission last year.

There was some discussion around the awning. Chair Ricci stated that the awning requirements were approved at the prior meeting: exact same awning, but will be painted as specified at last meeting; awning will be mounted below detail work. Member Canavan asked if the building owner had signed off on this. Ms. Donnelly said she spoke with the owner, but did not have a signature. The Commission stated that Ms. Donnelly needed to secure the owner's signature and Ms. Donnelly stated that this would not be a problem.

8:25 pm: Motion by Member Hunt and seconded by Member Canavan to change exterior trim and cellar panels to white and paint doors white. Motion defeated: 3 against.

Discussion ensued among Commission members including an option about leaving the trim, red door and cellar panels as is, but paint end door white to balance building.

8:30 pm: Motion proposed by Member Manning to leave the red door and cellar panels as is and paint the end bay trim and door white to try to balance look of building. Motion defeated: 3 against.

Member Fitzgerald and other Members noted that the onus is not on the Commission to solve color issues. Ms. Donnelly gave impassioned comments, to which Chair Ricci responded by positively recognizing Sippy Cup as a thriving business.

8:35 pm: Motion by Member Canavan and seconded by Member Fitzgerald to revert the trim back to white, paint the cellar panels white, allow handprints to stay with the same colors, first door white, middle door red and third door yellow. Motion carries: 4 for.

The Applicants asked what had happened and indicated they might want to return next meeting. It was explained that the motion had been approved, and the current business before the commission was complete. Ms. Donnelly said she would take it to Supreme Court. Commission members stated that the ordinance outlined the correct method for appealing and that the Applicants, or their lawyer, should carefully review the procedure and the time restraints for appeal filing.

8:41 pm: On a motion by Member Grossman and seconded by Member Fitzgerald, the meeting was adjourned.