



QUINCY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2013

Members present: M. Manning, E. Fitzgerald, R. Affsa, M. Trepanier,
A. Foley
K. Nugent, Building Dep't. Rep.

Members absent: D. Jacobs, A. Ricci

Alternates present: N. Verenis

Alternates absent: E. Hunt

Vice Chairman Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Reading of the Minutes of the July 22, 2013 meeting was delayed to the end of the meeting.

Public Hearings:

- 1. 7:05pm- 1250 Hancock St., Quincy College:** William Hall, Director of Campus Services for Quincy College and Peter Tsaffaras appeared before the Board. His presentation illustrated lighting proposed for the exterior signage on the building. The new proposal involves 'halo' lighting for the signs where the lettering will be 12" off the building. Members applauded the proposal. On a motion by Member Trepanier, second by Member Affsa the Members voted 5-0 in favor of the project.
- 2. 7:10 pm- 1546 Hancock St., Presidents Rock Club:** The application for a new sign was still before the Board. No action was taken at the previous meeting as the applicant was unable to attend. Members noted that the sign was already in place and therefore in violation. Despite that matter, the Board did not approve of the beer company advertising at the ends of the sign. This is the same property that had a mural on the side of the building done illegally last year. The Board recognized that the applicant was not responsible for that mural. The Board on a motion by Member Manning, second by Member Foley to allow the sign already in place, to remain eliminate the beer company logos from both ends, and paint over the mural. The vote was 5-0 to approve the motion and the applicant agreed.
- 3. 7:25 pm – 1150 Hancock St., Sovereign Bank:** The applicant was represented by David Deola of Imageone Sign Co. from Philadelphia.PA. The bank re-branding all its offices to 'Santander Bank'. They are replacing the old Sovereign Bank sign to the same dimensions, but will move it out of the sightline of the tree

in the front of the bulding. Motion to approve made by Member Trepanier,second by Member Foley and approved 5-0.

- 4. 7:40 pm - 1170 Hancock St.Masonic Temple:** The applicant was represented by Mr. Leo Martin, potential buyer and property owner(s) Masonic Lodge Members. Mr. Martin explained that for the building to function effectively a handicap access had to be constructed to give access to the lower level where the Masonic Lodge would be moved to (lower level). He would then proceed to plan for the restoration for the upper level(s) as market conditions dictated. The Members were reluctant to engage in the conversation or deliberate on the matter because the applicant's architect and Members who are architects were not present. It was made abundantly clear to the applicant that this building, on the National Register of Historic Places, was an extremely valuable architectural building of Quincy Center. Discussion ensued about the need to get access to the lower level for the new Lodge location. The applicant stated that if he could not accommodate the Masons, then he could not purchase the property. A motion to continue the hearing was made by Member Affsa, second by Member Trepanier and was passed without opposition.

The Minutes of the July 22, 2013 meeting were accepted as submitted on a motion by Member Foley, second by Member Affsa.

7:50 pm. – Other Business:

1. Dr. Fitzgerald indicated that the demolition of the old QHS was approved and demolition was in progress. He briefly reviewed the agreement as agreed to by the City of Quincy, MHC, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

NICHOLAS C. VERENIS

