

Historic District Commission

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City of Rochester
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Approved Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
(Minutes approved on October 9, 2013)

Members Present

Molly Meulenbroek, Chair
Martha Wingate, Vice Chair
Peter Bruckner
Sandra Keans, Council Representative
Nancy Dibble

Members Absent

Marilyn Jones

Others present

James Campbell, Michelle Mears, and applicants.

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from August 14, 2013 were unanimously approved as presented.
- III. Partha (Peter) Chanda, 19 Hanson Street,** application for Certificate of Approval for a sign. Case# HDC 120-386-B1-13

The applicant was not present for the meeting. There were design samples in the application packet with colors and type of material used.

A motion was made by Ms. Keans and seconded by Mr. Bruckner to approve the application pending verification of existing sign. . The motion passed unanimously.

- IV. Second Treasures, 1 Wakefield Street,** application for Certificate of Approval for a sign. Case# HDC 120-394-B1-13

The applicant, Paul Vallerand, discussed the design, color, and placement of the sign. The red and white represent the colors of Spaulding High School.

There was a discussion by the Commission members about the sign coverage in the windows. Ms. Keans commented on the sign coverage in the windows taking up too much coverage. This would be visible from the street and not a good design.

Mr. Bruckner echoed Ms. Kean's comments stating that there is no advantage to the red frame around window sign. Mr. Bruckner asked if the applicant could make the red frame narrower and also remove the name Second Treasure on the window sign because it is redundant.

Ms. Wingate recommended that the applicant narrow the red border. She stated that the fixed sign did not need any changes.

A motion was made by Ms. Keans and seconded by Ms. Dibble to approve the application With the following conditions remove Second Treasure from inside wall sign, narrow the red border, and move some of the items for sale over the other window decal. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Molly Meulenbroek, 77 Wakefield Street, application for Certificate of Approval for a new roof and removal of 2 chimneys. Case# HDC 116-202-B1-13

The applicant stated that there is a request to remove two chimneys from building that are no longer used and are becoming a hazard on the property. The applicant will also be replacing roof with gray shingles similar to the existing.

Ms. Keans asked if the chimneys were visible from the road and what the price would be to repaint the chimneys.

Mr. Bruckner asked if the chimneys serve a working fireplace. The chimneys are not a functional part of the house.

Ms. Meulenbroek recused herself from voting because she was the applicant. Mr. Bruckner made a motion to accept which was seconded by Ms. Dibble. The motion passed unanimously4-0.

VII. Other Business/Non-scheduled Items

A) There was some discussion on making amendments to the existing sign ordinance. There are a number of problems with the sign ordinance window coverage being an example. Ms. Meulenbroek suggested that at the Rochester Main Street Sidewalk Talk that the Historic District Commission members attend to talk about changes to the sign ordinance.

B) Ms. Keans discussed the "not significant building deconstruction" webinar series. There was discussion about contacting the State Historic Preservation to create a checklist for downtown buildings.

C) Ms. Wingate has been working on two different drafts of the certification of appreciation. This will be finished for the next meeting in October 9, 2013.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Bruckner to adjourn at 8:00PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Mears, Planner I