

Mechanicsburg Borough
Historic Architectural Review Board
Monday, September 14th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance

The following were present:

Board Members: Chairman Haines, Vice Chairman Query, Codes Officer Ciecierski, M. Scolforo, & L. Humes

Staff: Sara Heenan - Administrative Assistant

Council: None

Liaison: K. Miller - Absent

Applicants: Cissy Beauvais, Kelly Farner & Mike Stewart (late)

Absent Board Members: M. Eberly & T. DeWire

Others: Safiya Abubakar

- I. Call to Order**
Chairman Haines called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

- II. Approval of the August 3, 2015 Minutes**
Humes moved to approve the minutes as presented and Scolforo seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

- III. Placement of Items on the Consent Agenda**
Chairman Haines asked if there were any recommendations for items to place on the consent agenda. Query suggested both of the sign applications for 30 and 16 South Market Street and Humes agreed. Query motioned to place the applications of Cissy Beauvais - 30 South Market Street - for installation of hanging sign on existing bar on front façade of building and Kelly Ruth & Donnie Farner - 16 South Market Street - for installation of two-sided hanging sign from existing brackets on the consent agenda. Codes Officer Ciecierski seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

- IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda as Modified.**
Query motioned to approve the meeting agenda as modified, Scolforo seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

- V. Approval of the Consent Agenda Applications**
 Query motioned to recommend approval of the consent agenda applications, Humes seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
- VI. Application of World War Memorial Post 109 – 224 West Main Street – for Repair of Soffit and Covering of New Soffit in Aluminum to Match Existing and Encasing Window Edges in Aluminum.**
 The Board briefly discussed the application, but had to move on due to no applicant being in attendance at that time.
- VII. Application of Cissy Beauvais – 30 South Market Street – for Installation of Hanging Sign on existing bar on front façade of building.**
 This Consent Agenda item was recommended for approval.
- VIII. Application of Donnie & Kelly Ruth Farner – 16 South Market Street – for Installation of two-sided hanging sign from existing brackets.**
 This Consent Agenda item was recommended for approval.
- IX. Correspondence**
 The Board reviewed a letter provided by Rebecca Yearick in support of the Redevelopment Authority’s project that she presented on at the August meeting. After all had read the letter Chairman Haines signed it and the Board moved on.
- X. Other Business**
- A. 2015 HARB Awards.**
 Chairman Haines suggested giving the commercial plaque for 2015 to the Grace United Methodist Church; Humes agreed that was a great idea. Ciecierski suggested 503 West Main Street as a residential award candidate, Haines stated that he would be Okay with that. Ciecierski also suggested the self-nominated Ivanova property at 327 West Main Street. Haines also recommended a home in the 200 block of East Main Street with a two-toned green color scheme. Humes suggested 139 East Main Street. After discussion Haines recapped the front running candidates as the United Methodist Church, 503 West Main Street, and the green house on East Main Street, 123 South Market Street, 405 South Market Street and Caromel Colours. The Board decided to delay making any official decisions until next month so that they could come back with photos and addresses for all of the front running candidates.

B. 2016 Budget Request.

Haines suggested carrying the same budget as always. This was met with agreeable responses from all. Query brought up the costs of doing the property survey of the district the Board had been planning. Ciecierski asked if the Board intended to do the survey themselves or if they were going to hire someone. Haines suggested using interns, like the ones from his job as a cheaper means of getting the work done efficiently. Humes suggested finding students that could put the survey work toward school credits. Haines stated he would look into interns at his work and Humes will look into possible volunteers in need or credit via the Cumberland County Historical Society.

VI. Application of World War Memorial Post 109 – 224 West Main Street – for Repair of Soffit and Covering of New Soffit in Aluminum to Match Existing and Encasing Window Edges in Aluminum.

At this time the Board returned to this application as an applicant was now present. Stewart attempted to explain the project to the best of his knowledge but was unable to give the Board satisfactory answers and the contractor for the project, who was supposed to be in attendance with him that evening was not present and unable to be reached. Due to insufficient information the Board left the application on the table and Stewart stated that he would try to get the contractor in touch with the Board in the interim.

XI. Adjournment

Humes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Ciecierski seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.