

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

DECEMBER 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Butera. Commission members present were Dennis Barrett, Colleen Boff, Rick Butera, Judy Justus, Patrice Spitzer and Mark Weber (6). Alex Heard was absent (1). Also present was Cody Grodi, Zoning Inspector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting as written. Seconded by Mr. Butera. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 43-18 – Dan Weiss, on behalf of The Law Offices of Weiss and Field, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a blade sign on the building and window graphics on the door. The property is located at 105 1/2 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 43-18. Mr. Weiss was present, and added that the sign was designed by Fast Signs to comply with the required specifications for the Historic District. He added that the sign will be installed above the archway, rather than how it was originally submitted, and that it will be black and gold. Mr. Barrett confirmed that the business is now upstairs. Mr. Weiss added that the sign will be designed similarly to the sign at Maddie & Bella's, as Fast Signs designed their sign too. Mr. Weber added that this type of sign will work well on Louisiana Avenue, as it will not be blocked by the landscaping. Mr. Barrett moved to approve Application 43-18. Seconded by Mr. Butera. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION, 44-18 – Wettle Corp., on behalf of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install an awning with a logo above the main entrance. The two awnings currently above the windows will be removed in the process. The property is located at 124 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 44-18. Mark Seegle, Wettle Canvas, was present on behalf of Howard Hanna Real Estate. He added that they are removing the two existing awnings over the windows, and installing a new frame over the doorway. Ms. Spitzer confirmed that when the awnings are removed that any residual repairs would be completed, and Mr. Seegle agreed. Mr. Butera and Mr. Weber agreed that they have no issues with the proposal. Ms. Boff moved to approve Application 44-18. Seconded by Ms. Spitzer. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION, 45-18 – Trent Hire is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to replace the windows in the building. The property is located at 118 East Second Street and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 45-18. Mr. Hire was present, and added that he would simply like to replace the leaking and rotted windows. Mr. Butera noted the alternate proposal in the application with the sunrise double hung windows being his preference. He encouraged Mr. Hire to conserve as much wood and original materials as possible. Mr. Weber noted that most of the wood will need to be replaced due to the rotting. Ms. Boff asked about the overall building materials, and Mr. Hire added that it is mostly brick and then siding on the sides of the building. Mr. Weber stated that he has no issues with either proposal for this application. Ms. Boff asked about the choice between the first and second options, and Mr. Weber confirmed that the wood is pretty rotted. Mr. Weber moved to approve Application 45-18 and to allow Mr. Hire to determine the best option of this application for the replacement windows. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION, 46-18 – Jim Hodulik, on behalf of Swig Restaurant, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to remove the existing patio cover and replace it with a larger patio cover that will cover the entire side patio area. The property is located at 219 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 46-18. Mr. Hodulik was present, and stated that he would like to tear down, replace, and extend the new awning all the way out to the patio furniture. He added that it makes more sense with the weather, and less repairs over time. Mr. Hodulik said that the replacement will be the same color, and same fashion on the north side of the building. Ms. Spitzer confirmed that the sides are automatic, and Mr. Hodulik added that it is a vinyl material. Mr. Weber asked about the life expectancy, and Mr. Hodulik confirmed that it will last about six to ten years. He added that replacement is necessary and appropriate to maintain the business. Mr. Butera added that he prefers the charm of the patio, with the size and scale difference. Mr. Hodulik said that there will still be three tables out front with umbrellas. Ms. Spitzer confirmed that the iron fencing is staying, and Mr. Hodulik agreed. Ms. Justus asked whether the color could be subdued, and Mr. Weber added that it will fade and tone down over time on its own. Mr. Barrett added that he is in favor of the proposal. Mr. Hodulik confirmed that there will be fans and heaters. Mr. Barrett moved to approve Application 46-18. Seconded by Ms. Justus. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Catherine Hunger was present to discuss the property located at 322 E. Front Street. She added that she and her husband are looking to purchase the property, and that they have questions about renovating the property. Mr. Butera encouraged Ms. Hunger to speak with the Planning & Zoning Division regarding the majority of her questions. He added that the Historic Landmarks Commission is more interested in the character of the home, and any changes that would affect the character. Mr. Butera suggested that Ms. Hunger hire an architect, and to also determine the style that she is interested in with regards to this property.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alfaro