

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

MAY 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Don Earnhart. Commission members present were: Pam Aubry, Don Earnhart, Dennis Layman, Ruth Lucius, Robert Seyfang, and John Walters (6). Absent: David Hoffmann (1). Also present was Deputy Planning and Zoning Administrator Brody Walters.

Aaron Sheskey of Pella Windows made a presentation to the Commission regarding vinyl windows.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Layman moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting as written. Ms. Lucius seconded and they were approved 5-0. Ayes: Aubry, Earnhart, Layman, Lucius, and Seyfang (5). Abstain: Walters (1).

APPLICATION 06-13 – Stephen and Elizabeth Cox request a certificate of appropriateness for multiple improvements to their residence including; fencing, landscaping, and a basketball court. Consideration includes color, material and architectural style. The subject property is located at 321 E. Second Street and is zoned R-3 (Single-Family Residential).

Mr. Earnhart called attention to a letter received from Pat Meyer of 125 Locust Street, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Earnhart said that he urges the Coxes to be neighborly. Mr. Cox said that he has spoken to Bob Meyer and has assured him that his goal is to be neighborly. He said there will be a curfew on the basketball court, and it will be used only during daylight hours. Mr. Cox stated that the basketball court will be 5' from the fence line. Ms. Cox said they would like to duplicate the stockade fence that their neighbor has and would like to replant the vegetation. Brody Walters asked if the Commission had any guidance regarding the type of plants. Ms. Lucius suggested that they check with their neighbor. Ms. Aubry said that the Perrysburg Garden Club may be able to offer some guidance.

Mr. Seyfang moved to approve Application 6-13 as submitted. Ms. Aubry seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

APPLICATION 07-13 – Ann Elick requests a certificate of appropriateness to install new signage, window boxes, and awning changes including outdoor curtains. Consideration includes color, materials, and architectural style. The subject property is located at 118 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C2 (Central Business).

Mr. Earnhart asked Ms. Elick what type of business this is. Ms. Elick said that it's Bettyanne's Things Worth Repeating; she said it will be old tired stuff made happy again. Ms. Lucius asked if Ms. Elick will be refinishing items on the premises. Ms. Elick said she would be. Mr. Earnhart asked about the awning. Ms. Elick said that the

windows are really ugly and she is trying to distract from the windows with the awning and the balloon drape on each side of the storefront. Mr. Seyfang said that the length of the sign is fine, but he would like the height to be reduced so you could see one row of bricks on the top and one row on the bottom. Other Commission members said that it would reduce the size of the sign and they did not feel it would make much of a difference. Brody Walters said that the wrought iron fence above the building will be covered with an outdoor fabric similar to Sunbrella. Ms. Elick said she is hoping to use Sunbrella because it is water and stain resistant. Ms. Lucius asked if Ms. Elick planned to cover the entire fence, and Ms. Elick said she planned to.

Ms. Aubry moved to approve Application 7-13 as submitted. John Walters seconded and it was approved 5-1. Ayes: Aubry, Earnhart, Layman, Lucius, Walters (5). Nays: Seyfang (1).

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission briefly discussed the use of vinyl windows in the Historic District based on the presentations of several window companies. Mr. Earnhart said that vinyl is still plastic, and he feels it does not belong in the Historic District. John Walters said that if you look at the windows, you can tell that they are vinyl. Ms. Lucius said that the vinyl windows have a totally different look and there is not the same amount of detail. Mr. Seyfang stated that the mutton bar isn't the same and in his mind vinyl is not acceptable. He said that he thinks for the second story of commercial buildings it is worth consideration, but not on the ground level.

Nick Hall was present and said that he has agreed in principal to purchase the property at 501 E. Second Street. He said that the home is a 1,200 square foot brick ranch with no basement. Mr. Hall said that he would like to expand the house and since it is impossible to match brick, he would like to go with a wood/steel combination. He showed pictures to the Commission of the concept he was considering. Ms. Aubry said that she is not sure that the style would fit into the district. Ms. Lucius said there is a sizable backyard there and she asked if he could expand to the rear. Mr. Hall questioned that since you can't match the brick, how do you make a 1950's ranch look historic. Mr. Seyfang said it doesn't have to be historic; it has to be in harmony with the neighborhood. Mr. Earnhart said that the Commission would need to see more definitive plans. Mr. Seyfang recommended that Mr. Hall work with an architect to get some rough sketches.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Sutton

To: Perrysburg Historic Landmarks Commission
c/o Brody Walters

Dear Mr. Walters and Members of the Commission

My husband and I live in her home at 125 Locust Street. We are loving our Perrysburg home so much and especially have had a wonderful time in the spring with all the beautiful birds that come to our yard. Both of us are birders and Bob is by hobby a bird photographer. We particularly love the owls and the warblers. We have been anxiously awaiting this year's warbler migration.. We have a loft in our barn which is in the corner of our yard overlooking some of the warbler's favorite trees. We often set up a tripod in the loft and have had some beautiful photos taken from there.

We recently came home and were devastated to find that our beautiful little spot had been destroyed. All the trees and yews and flowering shrubs were completely gone. We have a 50 foot wound in our back yard. Where we had privacy and a natural sound barrier, we have alley noise and a view of the back of several garages . I cannot tell you how this has affected us. We understand that those trees did not belong to us. They were not planted on our property. However, the quiet, peaceful and natural environment did belong to us.

We have been informed that a 25 by 45 foot basketball court is going into our lovely little natural cove. Bob and I have raised 5 children and we are not opposed to a basketball court for our new neighbor. However, we would be so happy to be given some consideration as far as noise barrier and privacy are concerned. There is room to move the court a few feet and replace some of the trees and bushes. Since our bedrooms are also on that end of the house, we are concerned about noise and lighting at night.

We love our neighborhood and have a very friendly relationship with our neighbors based on mutual respect and consideration. We would also like to have the same type of relationship with the Cox family and hope no matter what happens regarding this issue that we will.

We realize that this meeting is not about the trees but about the basketball court. We are just hoping that some thought is given to others in the neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Pat Meyer