

Town of Newburgh
Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting
Minutes March 11, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present:

Jim Renne, Brent Grafe, David Wills, Jeff Cox, Heather Cutrell, Don Shanks

Advisory Members Present:

Candice Croix; Sue Morrison, Advisory; Susan Pickens, Advisory

Administrative Present:

Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison; Will Cartwright, Legal; Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator

Members & Administrative Absent:

Troy Wells

Citizens Present:

David Klein, KLC Decking
Donovan Wilkins, ERA, 517 W. Main Street
John DeVries, Custom Sign & Engineering
Tim Mason, ERA
Jason Barisano, LA&D
Joe & Rachel Klink, 421 Water Street

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

Stacie Krieger stated that Council met last night via Zoom. Ms. Krieger stated that Council wrestled with Amphitheater fees for non-profit organizations, and it was determined that non-profits would only be charged a cleaning fee.

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:

No report.

Staff Report & Code Enforcement Update:

Tavi Wydicks provided an update on code enforcement. Ms. Wydicks stated that she is still waiting on the title work back on Plum and Sycamore Street properties, but hoped to have it soon.

Certified Local Government:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion – District Expansion

Tavi Wydicks stated that due to the number of COA's on tonight's agenda, she did not include the information for the district expansion.

Discussion – 221 State Street Garage

Tavi Wydicks stated that this item is still on hold.

New Business:

COA Application – 33 Old Orchard Drive

Tavi Wydicks stated that the applicant would like to add a carport addition on the east side of the house and a yard barn in the rear yard. Ms. Wydicks stated that the property is located in the Northwest Historic District, but the property does not have a historic rating.

David Wills moved to approve the COA. Brent Grafe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

COA Application – 517 W. Main Street

Stacie Krieger stated that the sign looks too large, and Heather Cutrell stated that she thinks the sign will stand out too much and obscure the building. The Commission discussed the sign proposal with Mr. Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins stated that the previous HNI sign was only 13 inches shorter than the sign he is proposing, and he will not have the additional ground signs that HNI had. Mr. DeVries stated that the mock up that was submitted was more for the client to view and the prospective view was taken from directly in front of the sign. Mr. Wilkins stated that the computer-generated mock up makes the sign appear larger than it actually will be. Jim Renne stated that he walked Jennings Street and only found one sign similar in size and that was the Jennings Station sign that advertises multiple businesses. The Commission continued discussion regarding the proposed sign. Mr. Renne stated that HPC cannot dictate color. Sue Morrison stated that the sign looks to obscure the building. Mr. DeVries stated that the rendering is not a valid scale of the sign. Candice Croix stated that the Commission needs to look at the sign based on the measurements, not the photo. Mr. DeVries stated that the balloon portion of the sign is 13 inches higher than the previous HNI sign, but the rest of the sign is only about 6 inches higher. The Commission continued discussion. David Wills asked if it would be possible to see a mock up of the sign on site and Mr. DeVries answered yes. Mr. Wilkins stated that the picture is not truly to scale. Ms. Krieger asked how wide the sign is, and Mr. Wilkins responded and stated that the sign is 95 inches wide. Mr. Renne asked if it could be smaller. Mr. Wilkins stated the Commission is looking at the photo, not the actual dimensions. The Commission continued discussing the sign with Mr. Wilkins and Mr. DeVries. Mr. Mason asked if the sign fits within the zoning code and Ms. Wydicks answered yes. Mr. Mason asked the Commission what makes the sign not complimentary. Mr. Mason stated that they had originally proposed a wall sign that the Commission did not approve of, so they took a lot into consideration and came back with a more appropriate ground sign. The Commission discussed the previous and current sign proposals. Mr. Renne asked if HPC wants more information, what are their options as to not hold up the project. Ms. Wydicks stated that the Commission could hold a special meeting or agree during this meeting to do email approval. The Commission asked Mr. DeVries to scale cardboard to the size of the actual sign and take photos from multiple widths back. Mr. DeVries agreed. The Commission continued discussion. Brent Grafe asked if they could do a mock up of the previous HNI sign and place in front of the new sign mock up to show perspective and Mr. DeVries answered yes. Mr. Renne asked the Commission if they would consider a motion to approve the COA upon receiving a mock up properly detailing the size of the sign and grant approval via email. Mr. Wills asked if the Commission is only questioning the size, not the appropriateness.

Don Shanks moved to approve the COA upon receiving a mock up properly detailing the size of the sign and grant approval via email. Brent Grafe seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was taken:

Brent Grafe – Yes	Heather Cutrell – Yes	Don Shanks – Yes
David Wills – Yes	Jim Renne – Yes	

COA Application – 421 Water Street

Mr. Barisano provided project details and stated that this is a second story addition to add a couple bedrooms to the house. Jim Renne stated that little of the addition will be visible from the street. Tavi Wydicks stated that the property is located in the West Expanded District, but it does not have a historic rating. The Commission discussed the project with Mr. Barisano and Mr. and Mrs. Klink.

David Wills moved to approve the COA. Don Shanks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

COA Application – 17 W. Jennings Street

Mr. Klein stated that the project is enclosing the existing deck and provided material details. Jim Renne stated that project is not very visible from the street.

David Wills moved to approve the COA. Heather Cutrell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

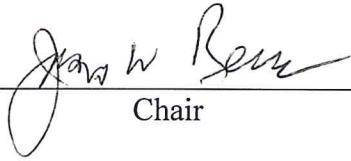
Announcements:

The Commission continued discussion of the proposed sign at 517 W. Main Street and discussed the options the Commission had to approve or deny the COA.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

Adjourn:

Don Shanks moved to adjourn the meeting. David Wills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.


Chair


Recorder