

Historic Board of Review
April 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Rob Young. Roll call for the April 1, 2010 meeting was taken. Present were:

Rob Young
Doug Fleming
Greg Warner
Kim Kyle was absent

Steve McCleerey was absent

Joan Fitzwater, Historic Preservation Officer was present. Terri Sharrer, Secretary, was absent.

Rob Young made a motion to approve the March 4th, 2010 minutes. Greg Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In new business, Richard Posey, 16 W. Main Street, appeared before the board to request a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign. The Board was given pictures of the sign in the shape of an artist's palette measuring approximately 2' x 2.5'. There was a question about the square footage of the existing signs on the windows. After no further discussion a motion was made by Greg Warner and seconded by Doug Fleming. Upon unanimous vote, motion was approved.

Frances and Donald Hull, of Hometown Comics, 14 A&B W. Main Street, appeared before the board to request a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign. They received an affordable quote to put up a cut out super hero sign that will be hung perpendicular to the wall on the top of the sign arm that holds the existing perpendicular sign. The existing sign will be cut off below the arrow to allow for a larger cutout. The combined perpendicular sign area shall not exceed 9 sq. ft. A discussion ensued about the methods of attachment. Mr. Hull stated that he will add 2 or 3 guywires from the wall and the sign will be attached to the arm. Ms. Fitzwater estimates there is 44 sq ft of signage currently on the store, if you include the COMIC letters sign in the window. Measuring the first floor area is difficult due to the half basement on the lower floor. She estimates it to be around 400 sq feet. 10% of the first floor elevation area is the allowed sq footage on the building ~ approximately 40 sq. ft. She suggested that the COMIC letters be removed as they won't be seen behind the new sign anyway. She also suggested the window clutter be reduced. A discussion about window signs in the historic district ensued. She also stated that the window signage is supposed to be 20 to 25% of the window and temporary but that the guidelines have never been enforced. Rob Young made a motion to approve the sign with the condition that the window signage be reduced. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. Upon unanimous vote, motion was approved.

Ms. Janet Fleming, 210 E Mains St came forward to request a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign. Mr. Rob Young made a note in the minutes that Doug Fleming owned the building but would be voting on the window sign for his new tenant since the HBR did not meet quorum. If the vote is split, the case would be continued to the next month. Janet proposed to vinyl letters adhering to the window. Pictures were presented and the size of the signs will not exceed 25% of each of the three panes. After no further discussion, Rob Young made a motion to approve which was seconded by Greg Warner. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

There being no other business, Rob Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Doug Fleming seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Fitzwater
Zoning Administrator