

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

October 13, 2009

PRESENT: Ann Parks, Phil Wise, Michael Montalto, Susan Angevine

OTHERS: Lauren Ferrimani, Abigail Charles, Courtney Anderson, Jacqueline Samuel
(All are MSW students from Brockport/Naz, receiving credit for sitting in on a Town meeting.)
Gary DeBlase and Donald DeBlase, Town Centre Plaza; Robert Cantwell, BME Architects; Mike Ferrante, City Brew

Chairman Ann Parks began the meeting at 7:30 PM.

TOWN CENTRE PLAZA KIOSK Pittsford Palmyra Road **Discussion only**

Robert Cantwell introduced Gary DeBlase, owner of Town Centre Plaza, and Mike Ferrante, applicant from City Brew Coffee Kiosk. The stand-alone building would be 8 foot by 12 foot, approximately 100 square feet, and it would be made out of metal. Mr. Ferrante said that there are currently two locations in Webster. There will also be an application for a City Brew in the new car wash parking lot area in front of Island Valley. These kiosks can be picked up and moved easily, and they are designed for plazas such as Town Centre. They make a small footprint on the area where they set up, and they are also a “give-back” organization, where five cents per dollar goes back to the community.

Phil Wise wondered if the look of the kiosk would fit into the area around it. Mr. Ferrante said that it is a chain, and that all of them look the same.

A. Parks commented that any change has to be appropriate to the neighboring structures. For example, Tim Horton’s and Monro Muffler changed their designs to fit into this historic area. G. DeBlase said that he would like the HAC to consider how the addition of services would benefit the Town. P. Wise said that applicants need to be sensitive to the role of the Commission, which is to maintain the character of the preservation districts.

There was much discussion about the look of the roof, the colors of the building and the roof, and the materials used on the building itself. Also, the kiosk needs to blend in better with the plaza, and not stand out as such a separate entity.

M. Montalto suggested that the applicant do a photo simulation and then come back before the Commission and show the results. He felt that the kiosk was certainly consistent with scale and massing, but there was no attempt to have the structure blend in with the rest of the plaza.

P. Wise had a question about landscaping. G. DeBlase said that they always put lots of annuals up around the building. The applicant will come back before the Commission at a later date with new details.

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OLD BUSINESS

A letter was drafted by Ann Parks to be sent to the Forest Hills residents regarding individual landmark designation. Included with the letter will be a statement of significance describing why Forest Hills (and individual houses) meets the criteria for designation. Jean Keplinger, Town Historian, will identify the particular style of each of the 7 houses and will incorporate the style in each of the letters. Letters to the homeowners will be sent out within a few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

S. Angevine and A. Parks went to a preservation meeting hosted by the Landmark Society, with a panel from three communities in our area speaking about their public education programs..

MINUTES

The minutes from the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.
Motion to approve by M. Montalto, seconded by S. Angevine and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Ann Parks adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay