

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

September 8, 2008

PRESENT: Ann Parks, James Fassanella, Phil Wise, Susan Angevine

OTHERS: James Brasley; Perinton Planning Board, Floris Lent; 270 Wilkinson Road, Mark Crane; 1 Bowns Hill Lane, Rev. Laura Schaal Calos, Pastor; South Perinton United Methodist Church, Peter Ferstead; member South Perinton United Methodist Church, Bruce Hodge; member South Perinton United Methodist Church, Christopher Lopez; Plan Architectural Studio, Brent Smith; 344 Loud Road, Richard Long; 507 Wilkinson Road, John DeSeyn; 340 Wilkinson Road

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

SOUTH PERINTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 291 Wilkinson Road

Rev. Laura Schaal Calos spoke first. She stated that there were three projects that she wanted to present to the Commission.

- 1.) Mounting block – the current cement mounting block has cracked, become unsafe, and altered to the point where a repair would not be possible. She showed a photo of the mounting block from 1907. The church would like to replace the block with one similar to the one in the photo.
- 2.) Iron railing – the church would like permission to remove an iron railing in the ground on church property which has no useful function. Removing it would be in the best interest of everyone.
- 3.) Flower bed – a flower bed has been under the church sign for many years. Some red concrete paver blocks were installed around the flowers, in a circular pattern. These blocks were provided by and installed by some members of the church.

Floris Lent wanted to say a few words about the mounting block. She said that said block has been in disrepair for 7 years. (It was also facing the wrong direction after the church remodeling project). On July 31, 2001, a bobcat machine came in and tried to move it, and it damaged the cement block. In April, Ms. Lent notified the Commission that the block was going to be completely removed. She passed around pictures showing the timeline of this mounting block. The block was originally made out of wood, then the concrete one was built, and now a wood block is proposed again.

Brent Smith said that he had spoken to a representative of a company (Mathews) that may have been able to “right the block,” but they never returned his calls. Pastor Schaal Calos said that the church would try to construct the block as close to the original one as they could, and then remove the old mounting block from the property. F. Lent said that she would like to purchase the old block for \$10.00. She would have it moved, and then pay the movers to deliver it to her property, which is directly across from the church. She also asked if she could have the iron railing which is slated to be removed from the premises.

P. Wise asked if the block would be placed in the same location as the old one, and facing in the correct direction. He also inquired about the material used for the mounting block. The oldest mounting block was wooden, then a concrete one was built, and now it will be wood again. B. Smith said that it would be in the same location, facing the correct direction and made of wood. J. DeSeyn wanted to make sure that the church tried its best to maintain the aesthetics of the existing block in the new block. He also wondered if there was to be a walk or path around the block. P. Wise wanted to make sure that the base was secure.

B. Smith said that they would be using cedar, as it will last a long time, and is a safe type of wood. He said that a one foot border of crushed stones will be placed around the mounting block, so that it would be easier to maintain.

J. Fassanella commented that this Commission had to do something, and that this proposal will serve the purpose of regaining the true history of this block.

J. Fassanella made a motion to approve:

1.) The construction of a wooden mounting block/step as per presentation to the Historic Architecture Commission on September 8, 2008 and dated August 25, 2008. The existing concrete block will be removed.

2.) The removal of the iron railing as per presentation to the Historic Architecture Commission on September 8, 2008 and dated August 25, 2008.

3.) The removal of pavers which were installed around the raised flower bed. It was decided that said pavers were not appropriate to the historic district, in color or construction, and they were installed without approval of the Commission. If different pavers (or stones) are chosen, they may come before the HAC to get approval at that time.

The motion was seconded by S. Angevine.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Angevine

Nays: None

Motion approved.

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EGYPT CENTER PLAZA

7450 Pittsford Palmyra Road

Chris Lopez, architect for Mark Crane, owner of the building, spoke first. He would like to renovate this building as follows:

- 1.) Replace existing asphalt shingles with new architectural shingles, charcoal color
- 2.) Change the paint color
- 3.) Relocate and replace some existing doors and windows
- 4.) Replace wall mounted signs with new signs and add gooseneck lighting

J. Brasley suggested that the applicants go to the Perinton Zoning Board first, and get a variance, and then to the Planning Board. This Commission could send a memo to the 2 other Boards, (Town Board and Conservation Board) supporting the signage and listing the reasons for the support.

A. Parks made a motion to approve a negative declaration for SEQR, as this proposal will not have any negative impacts on the cultural environment and is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Historic Architecture Commission. The motion was seconded by J. Fassanella.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Angevine

Nays: None

Motion unanimously approved.

J. Fassanella made a motion to accept the proposal for renovations dated August 26, 2008, as follows:

- 1.) Replace roof shingles with GAF Timberline premium architectural shingles in a charcoal color
- 2.) Repaint the building with Sherwin-Williams roycroft copper red (sw2839) and classical white (sw2829), main color and trim respectively
- 3.) Replace windows and doors to match existing windows and doors
- 4.) Replace wall mount signage with new – signage will include board and logo signs. Board signs will be mounted on the mansard roof, and there will be 3 gooseneck lighting fixtures
- 5.) This work will all be subject to Planning and Zoning Board approvals
- 6.) Applicant needs to return for final signage approvals

The motion was seconded by S. Angevine.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Angevine

Nays: None
Abstentions: Wise (His son worked for Mark's Pizzeria)
Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Re: Possible designation of the Forest Hills neighborhood as an historic district

Kevin Curley, of the Forest Hills Neighborhood, would like the neighborhood meeting to be after the first of the year. He also suggested that there be a series of meetings, as there are so many people who would like to attend.

Re: Landmark Society meeting at Town Hall on October 6th

Barb Clay said that she would make sure that Jim Smith can say a few words to the group at the beginning of the meeting. Also, we need to provide a few tables, a screen for the slide presentation, coffee and cups, etc.

Re: Minutes from April, May and July

K. Curley wanted to have on record that the minutes from the above months were not posted on the website as early as they normally are, due to an oversight. He also showed the Commission a petition with neighbors' signatures regarding the request for a delay in the time frame for the neighborhood meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

J. Brasley said that the Quickie Lube sign will be coming up before his Planning Board. This Commission is not in favor of the sign, and he will relay that message to his board. The Pub at Bushnell's Basin, in the old HSBC bank, has been approved by the Planning Board.

MINUTES

J. Fassanella made a motion to accept the corrected minutes from the August 19, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by P. Wise and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, A. Parks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. The motion was seconded by J. Fassanella and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay