

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Manistee County Historical Museum
425 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2007

A Meeting of the Manistee City Historic District Commission was held on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Manistee County Historical Museum, 425 River Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Kracht.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Dave Carlson, Maria DeRee, T. Eftaxiadis, Teena Kracht, John Perschbacher

Members Absent: Kelly Niles, Dennis terHorst

Others: Tom Amor Sr. (Amor Sign Studios), Ricky Hicks (Double Deuce Saloon), Steve Harold (Manistee County Historical Museum), Jon Rose (Community Development), and Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning)

Welcome new Member Maria DeRee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by T. Eftaxiadis, seconded by Dave Carlson that the Agenda for the April 5, 2007 Meeting be approved.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by John Perschbacher, seconded by Dave Carlson that the Minutes of the March 15, 2007 Meeting be approved as written.

MOTION by T. Eftaxiadis, seconded by Dave Carlson that the Minutes of the March 15, 2007 Meeting be approved with a correction on page 2 - Review/Approval of By-Laws change "will" to "has" and on page 3 and 4 dates will be corrected.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS:

Amor Sign Studios, Inc. - Requests for Sign Permits

Double Deuce Saloon, 445 River Street - Recover Awning and install wall letters.

Tom Amor Sr, Amor Sign Studios presented the request for the Double Deuce Saloon Signage. Members reviewed a color copy of the drawing and samples of the material for the awning and color for the lettering.

Discussion included:

- ▶ Letter styles, spacing are Victorian in style
- ▶ Graphics are not out of character with the era
- ▶ Material used has the appearance of fibers and looks like cloth - not plastic and the method of attaching the lettering and graphics gives the appearance of an oil painted awning that was typical of the Victorian era.
- ▶ Material for wall letters provides the look of painted wooden lettering
- ▶ No illumination of signs
- ▶ Representative for Double Deuce Saloon said Car body on rear of building will be removed
- ▶ Representative asked about clock on front of building and offered to remove it
- ▶ Building is not a contributing building and the adjoining buildings are not contributing.

MOTION by Dave Carlson, seconded by T. Eftaxiadis that the request from Amor Sign Studios for signage for Double Deuce Saloon, 445 River Street - Recover Awning and install wall letters be approved as presented (Filename: awning-fascia 2/Disk Amor/Design Proposals/Double Deuce - dated 3/26/07).

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 5 to 0 with voting as follows:

Yes: Eftaxiadis, DeRee, Perschbahcer, Carlson, Kracht
No: None

TJ's Pub, 399 River Street - Redecorate Sign Band and Install new window signs.

Tom Amor Sr, Amor Sign Studios presented the request for TJ's Pub Signage. Members reviewed a color copy of the drawing and samples of the material that will be used on the window to appear like etched glass.

Discussion included:

- ▶ The signs are Victorian in design and meet the requirements of the guidelines.

- ▶ The proposed "block out" of the side lights on the door "Item F" and windows on Maple Street "Item C" with frosted crystal does not meet the requirements of Item 2 of the Guidelines which reads "The historical character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided." The use of curtains or shutters inside the building would be a preferred method to prevent people seeing inside the building while retaining the historic integrity. *Mr. Amor asked to remove Item "C" and Item "F" from the application*
- ▶ Questioned if the signs "A" and "C" were proportionate to the size of the window. After he performed his own review Mr. Amor said that they were.

MOTION by John Perschbacher, seconded by T. Eftaxiadis that the request from Amor Sign Studios for signage for TJ's Pub, 399 River Street be approved as follows:

- Approved Sign A - Window sign on River Street, Sign E - Door Sign, Sign B - Window sign on Maple Street, Sign D - Sign Band on column.
- Items C and F were withdrawn from the application.
- Applicant will submit for staff a revised sign plan that includes signs scaled proportionately (as stated by Mr. Amor) to the windows (Filename: storefront/Disk Amor/Design/TJ's Pub - dated 2/20/07)

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 5 to 0 with voting as follows:

Yes: DeRee, Eftaxiadis, Perschbacher, Carlson, Kracht
No: None

Mr. Amor asked about the time line for meetings. He did not feel that a meeting once a month was sufficient. The Committee will discuss how often they should meet at their next meeting.

Mr. Amor asked if the application could be changed allow the contractor to sign the application. Discussion by the committee to change the application for either the owner or contractor can sign the application. The applicant will also be required to submit 10 copies of any attachments that are in color with the application.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jon Perschbacher asked about the cornice on the Aarons Building. He wanted to make sure that the owner was encouraged to replace it. Discussed that the ability to offer tax credits will give the commission more opportunities to encourage replacement of items that are removed due to hazards.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF REPORTS

The Historic District Commission met on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall for a presentation from Robert McKay Architect for the State Historic Presentation Office.

Steve Harold wanted the Commission to know that he is unable to stay past 5:30 for meetings.

MOTION by Dave Carlson, seconded by T. Eftaxiadis that the meetings be changed to begin at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

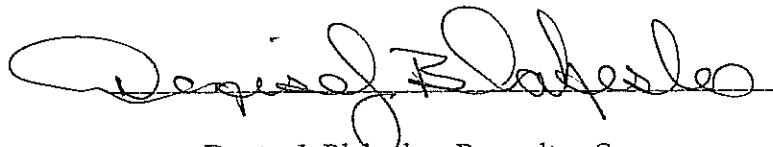
The Next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Museum, 425 River Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by T. Eftaxiadis, seconded by Dave Carlson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:37 P.M.

MANISTEE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise J. Blakeslee", written over a horizontal line.

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary