

Minutes
Historic District Commission
Wednesday, July 28, 2010
7:00p.m.
Lower Hearing Room
Adopted September 22, 2010

Members Present: Steiner, Sternberg, Childs, Miller, Sheytanian, Famiglietti, Hecker

Staff Present: Hayward, Collins

Public Present: See Attached Sign –In Form

**1. Public Hearing – Public Hearing –125-127 Mount Auburn-HDO-10-07
– Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of awnings.
Owner/Applicant: MACM, LLC**

Gerard Mazzeo informed that he was proposing awnings similar to those recently installed on the block. The awnings were proposed for the Nail Salon and a real estate office. He noted that the lettering will be white or cream similar to the font used on the Check Cashing sign. The awnings would be open on the sides.

Sternberg wanted clarification to the meaning of similar and same. Mazzeo responded that the awnings could be black or green. He is proposing a green canvas with a similar frame as the Pizza Parlor.

Hecker noted that the awnings at the Pizza Parlor and at the Check Cashing are green. He noted that the frame at the Pizza Parlor top limit was 3 bricks over the header.

Mazzeo said the awnings would be the same height as the Pizza Parlor. Childs supported that.

Hecker clarified that the top limit of the awning was three courses over the soldier course of bricks.

Mazzeo noted that he would not go beyond the window pane and that he would stay within the horizontal perimeter of the existing awnings for consistency on the block.

Sheytanian questioned if the awnings would have the same angle of protrusion as the existing ones. Mazzeo responded that the angles would be consistent.

Hecker questioned whether the awning would extend to the limit of the window or the existing sign. Mazzeo responded that it would be along the window for consistency.

Hecker questioned whether closed sides were considered. Mazzeo said he selected it open for consistency. In addition, he stated that that configuration would be less likely to be cupped by the wind.

Steiner liked that the awnings were two distinct ones to differentiate the businesses and to highlight the architectural detail as opposed to one long singular one.

Steiner inquired if the business logos would be included in the signage. Mazzeo answered no. Hecker wondered if the phone number could be removed. Steiner said that the phone number in the signage was good for business promotion.

Sternberg was supportive of the proposed awnings if they were of the same size, height and color as the existing awnings. Sheytanian was a proponent of consistency for the block's awnings.

Vote: Hecker moved to approve the installation of the awnings at 125 -127 Mount Auburn with the condition that the canopy match the one at the Pizza Parlor in angle, size, lettering, location, and open end configuration. Sternberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Minutes of May. Approved.

3. Old Business

Signage – No update.

190 Mt. Auburn – HDC requested that staff check on the progress of the screening agreement and the timing of the relocation of the utilities. Steiner requested that they be notified of the expiration date of the Certificate of Hardship for the utilities relocation.

4. New Business

265 Mt. Auburn – Staff reported that the applicant verified that he submitted his application within the deadline by e-mail. Staff will discuss with the applicant if he is agreeable to holding his public hearing at the regularly scheduled time on September 22. If not, the HDC may need to hold a Special Meeting on September 1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

