

Minutes
Historic District Commission
Wednesday, May 26, 2010
7:00p.m.
Lower Hearing Room
Adopted July 28, 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 –137 Mount Auburn-HDO-10-05 – Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of an awning. Owner: Anthony Mirakian/Applicant: Bill New.

Rick Harvey, representative for the applicant, informed that the installation of the black canvas cloth awning was for pedestrian protection and that it would not serve as a business identification sign for Hair Cuttery.

Sternberg inquired if the awning would be open at the ends. Harvey responded that it was, but that it could be closed. He noted that it would not be illuminated. Hecker found the proposal agreeable.

Childs suggested that the awning anchors be affixed into the mortar and not into the brick.

Harvey noted that the visible parts of the awning aluminum frame will be painted black. He noted that the frame will hang over the window and will be approximately 8'6" to 9' high.

Vote: Sternberg moved to approve the installation of an awning at 137 Mount Auburn. The top of the awning will be aligned with the header course of brick and that the aluminum frame will be black. The frame of the awning will be affixed into the brick's mortar joints. Famiglietti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Public Hearing – 111 Mount Auburn Street – HDO-10-06 – Certificate of Appropriateness for the change in 4 existing windows, the installation of 3 skylights, 1 roof window, and 2 double hung windows, and the replacement of a door. Owner/Applicant: The NETS Institute of Church Planting.

Dave Crawford, representative of the owner, informed that the organization trains new pastors to create new churches in New England. He reported that NETS bought the property in April and will support the church until it becomes self-sufficient. Crawford noted that they are proposing to renovate the back portion of the church into a parsonage

for the new pastor. He indicated that the work will be done by volunteers. He asserted that the exterior will not be altered. The alterations will be limited to the roof and roof windows. He noted that the windows from the 1940's will be replaced with Harvey, Slimline double-hung, fiberglass windows.

Hecker pointed out that the energy savings could be obtained by preserving the existing windows with storm windows. He informed that aluminum windows fail over time.

Sternberg inquired if the windows could be replaced with windows with similar divided light configuration. Crawford responded that no cost effective, stock windows were available in the original window configuration.

Vote: Hecker made the following motion based on the application:

4 Original Windows on Phillips Street – will be preserved with added storms windows of the same sash configurations as the existing windows. Schedule of storms will be provided to the HD office;

5 Skylights – approved as proposed;

2 Roof Windows – approved as proposed;

3 new Double Hung Windows on Southeast elevation – approved with wood windows and storm. Schedule of selected windows and storms to be provided to the HD office;

1 Door replacement – approved as proposed.

Famiglietti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing Continuance – 190 Mt. Auburn Street- Certificate of Appropriateness for a utilities screening fence, Zareh and Lori Orchanian, applicant. Applicant requested continuance to the June 23, 2010 meeting.

Vote: Childs moved to continue the item to the June 23, 2010 meeting. Sternberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4, Minutes of April. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

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