

Historic District Commission
Thursday, February 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Philip Pane Lower Hearing Room

Members Present: Carolyn Famiglietti, Harvey Steiner. Kenneth Sheytanian, John Hecker, Linda Sternberg

Members Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Christopher J. Hayward, Susan C. Jenness.

Steiner chaired.

- 1) **155 Mt. Auburn St.-Public Hearing-Certificate of Appropriateness-HDC 16-2 Louise Najarian, Owner, Dmitry Burshteyn, Applicant** for the proposal of removing the existing sign of the previous tenant, Coiffure France, to install new internally illuminated channel letters for the new tenant Click Insurance, which are designed to minimize illumination spillage and represent this type of business.

Appearing to present the project was the applicant Dmitry Burshteyn. He explained the he wanted his signage to educate consumers about how Click Insurance makes things extremely simple for the consumer.

Sheytanian said the he liked the sign and the project very much.

Famiglietti inquired if the bricks on the façade of the building would be affected by the project. Burshteyn pointed everyone's attention to the letter he had filed with the project written by the sign designers at "Signs for Tomorrow" which described the installation process which described the area involving the installation as being wood surfaced with a wood paneling façade with no contact with the brick surface.

Steiner asked if the business was conducted on line as it is called Click Insurance; the applicant stated that it is not.

Burshteyn explained the LED lights and said that they would not be on all night, and that they are a green color which lends light to the Mt. Auburn Street Historic District at nightfall, but not an overbearing amount of light.

Commission Discussion

Sheytanian stated that the design is simple and obviously a lot of thought went into the project.

Lisa Feltner, the District B. Town Councillor asked the applicant to speak about the amount of light that would be coming from the sign and the hours of operation and if that would be a disturbance to the area.

Burshteyn explained that the light would be no brighter than what is coming from the Frutti Beri sign and that there would be no blinking from the lights. He also explained that the sign added some subtle light to the area which can appear very dark at night.

Steiner asked the commission members if they were ready to make a motion.

Motion: Sternberg made a motion to approve the project at 155 Mt. Auburn St. Famiglietti seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached approving the project at 155 Mt. Auburn St.

The HDC members thanked the applicant for being so well prepared to present his project.

2) **Minutes January 24, 2016**

Motion: Famiglietti made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 24, 2016 meeting. Sternberg seconded the motion.

Vote: A unanimous vote was reached to adopt Minutes from January 24, 2016.

3) **Old Business**

a. Update on Mt. Auburn Historic District Signage

Steiner brought in pages of photographs from the town's historic district. HDC members evaluated the photographs and talked about ways in which to catalogue and use the collection of photos as created by Steiner.

4) **New Business**

a. Agent Hayward reported that the plaques that had been stolen at the cemetery have been replaced.

Agent Hayward reported that there has been concern about taking care of the monuments and that led to getting some estimates to do some repair work to the monuments.

He has been in contact with a planner from Plymouth who is helping him with the technical aspects of registering locations on the National Registry.

Meeting adjourned.