

Minutes

Historic District Commission

Thursday, September 24, 2008

7:00p.m.

Lower Hearing Conference Room

Members Present: Steiner, Chairman; Sternberg, Martocchia, Carter

Staff Present: Hayward, Collins

Public Present: See Attached Sign –In Form

1. **July Minutes -Approved**
2. **Public Hearing Continuance (ongoing until March 2009) – Certificate of Appropriateness –113-135 Mount Auburn Street, on-going storefront improvements, MACM, LLC**

It was noted that the new awning for Sakura Massage (115 Mount Auburn Street) had been installed. There was consensus that the awning was an improvement. Steiner reported that the owner had improved an existing door, though not original, to complement the original doors.

3. Signage

Steiner to meet with Hayward to discuss with Mee signage for the district.

Mount Auburn Bus Stop – Sternberg expressed approval of the district identification sign that was mounted at the Mount Auburn bus stop. However, some felt it was asymmetrical.

4. New Business

Hayward reported that Steiner notified him of possible non-compliance issues in the district - 39 Marshall Street and 247 Mt. Auburn Street. 39 Marshall is replacing a rotted gutter with like material and will be submitting a CNA. 247 Mt. Auburn was caulking around the chimney to prevent leakage and Hayward ascertained that the ladders were not an indication of major repairs. Collins will research the outstanding CA on the signage for 247 Mt. Auburn.

Hayward informed that Debra Dunn, property owner of 12 Russell Avenue, requested clarification on the status on the portion of the property that is drawn within the historic district ordinance map but is excluded from Ordinance's the list of properties. Staff will write a letter to the Town attorney requesting clarification. Steiner supported an outcome which would include that portion of the property in the district. He highlighted that if the property was not included it would be the only corner in the Mt. Auburn St. corridor missing and would leave that portion out of HD review and protection.

Steiner informed that the HD Walking tour grant application, supported by HD, was not funded.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.