

NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, 27 February 2006, 6:30 p.m. - Room 208, City Hall

Members:

Roberta Woitkowski, Chair
Frank Mellen
Bill Hooley
Bob Sampson
Bill Slivinski
Randall Wilbert

Also present:

Howard Coppari, Planning Department

8-12 Franklin Street – Sheet 78, Lots 38 and 39, Property Account #7314 – D-1/MU Zone – Grace Fellowship Church (owner) – Requesting renovation and restoration of the front exterior to include new windows, doors, lighting, signage and new walk-through addition and extension of handicap ramp to connect to the church at 43 Main Street

*Jill Gosselin, church representative
Goran Reierstam, architect*

Minutes

With Mr. Mellen making the motion and Mr. Hooley seconding, the 28 November 2005 minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. Wilbert abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

8-12 Franklin Street

The church would like to renovate and restore the front exterior. The project would include new windows, doors, lighting, signage, a new walk-through addition to the main church building at 43 Main Street and an extension of the handicap ramp. Plans and pictures dated 25 January 2006 had been mailed to the members of the existing building, plus illustrations for the current and proposed façade and the walk-through. A new north elevation plan dated 23 February 2006 was submitted at the meeting. Although there were no specific selections, various window, gooseneck light and sign examples were also submitted at the meeting.

The downstairs of 8-12 Franklin Street is proposed to be a common/fellowship area, bookstore and restaurant/coffee area and the upstairs would be the new church office. The restaurant/coffee area might have folding windows. Currently the building steps extend into the width of the sidewalk. Those steps would be removed and two new sets of steps and doors will be recessed into the building. The Life Safety Code requires a separate enclosed exit from the second floor to the outside. The sidewalk is also narrow and in disrepair. The applicant would like to have a brick sidewalk, but funding might be an issue. They will need to talk to someone in the Community Development Division.

A new exit door would be recessed and located where the existing wood shed is that is located next to the current rear entrance for the church. That new addition area would connect the church and this building. The handicap ramp for 43 Main Street located on Franklin Street would be extended to go in front of the new exit door. The dumpster would be removed.

As the new river walkway will be going near the back of this building, they would like to come back at a later time to show modifications to that area.

The members want more architectural details of the windows, doors, lights, signage, etc. plus catalog pages and samples of the proposed project.

With Mr. Wilbert making the motion and Mr. Sampson seconding, the members unanimously approved the concept. More architectural details, signage and samples would need to be submitted before they can approve the project.

6 Main Street – Hunt Building

The clock lights have been changed back to white.

Members

There are two new members of the HDC, but they were not present at tonight's meeting:

Gregory Williams, Aldermanic Liaison

Dan Richardson, Alternate

Historic District Colors/Areas/Miscellaneous

Ms. Woitkowski had researched Bedford NH's HDC. They are thinking about limiting the house colors in their district.

Ms. Woitkowski will speak to the Aldermanic representatives to come to an HDC meeting to discuss/bring them up-to-date about various issues.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.