

NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

Members:

Michael Findley
Frank Mellen
Bill Hooley
Alderman Daniel Richardson (left at 6:40 p.m.)
Bob Sampson
Randy Wilbert
Alderman Gregory Williams (left at 7 p.m.)

Also present:

Carter Falk, 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

Paul Berube, Pastor

Jill Gosselin, church representative

Goran Reierstam, architect

3-5 Mount Pleasant Street – Sheet 67, Lot 67, Property Account #27,370 – RB Zone – Requesting to expand an existing deck on the left side of house from 10' x 10' to 17' x 14'

Gary Ostler, owner

A. David Pierce, 13 Manchester Street

35 Railroad Square – Sheet 43, Lot 33 – Property Account #14,502 – D-1/MU Zone - 28-34 Railroad Square (owner), Raymond Stevens (Applicant) – Requesting approval for a 16 square foot non-illuminated wall sign

Raymond J. Stevens, The Tattoomb Tattoo Parlor

Carl Marshall, Marshall Signs

87 Concord Street – Sheet 47, Lot 33 – Property Account #14,562 – RA Zone – Requesting to remove an existing 16' x 21' garage and replace it with a 35'6" x 28' garage with storage room above

Marilyn and Wayne Spence, owners

Minutes

With Mr. Wilbert making the motion and Mr. Mellen seconding, the 27 February 2006 minutes were unanimously approved.

8-12 Franklin Street

The church came back tonight with revisions and clarification to last month's application. Additional photographs and catalog information, along with plans dated 27 February 2006 for the north exterior elevation and 13 January 2006 for the south elevation were submitted.

On the north elevation - The sign would be similar to the existing sign facing Main Street on the front of the church. It would have black background with Gemini golden letters using a clardenon future bold font. The black gooseneck lighting would have a larger shade and be hung above the sign. The sign would probably say Bonhoeffer's. That area will be a fellowship hall/coffee shop for the ministry, which may ultimately be open to the public. The first and second floor aluminum windows will all be similar in appearance. The folding windows for the first floor would be

Nanawall SL 70 and/or Wistawall or similar with black frames. The black single and double aluminum doors would be the same models/type as the windows. The two doors at the end of the handicap ramp would also have gooseneck lighting.

The south elevation would have new windows.

With Mr. Wilbert making the motion and Mr. Hooley seconding, the members unanimously approved the project as presented at this meeting.

3-5 Mount Pleasant Street

Mr. Ostler said they purchased the duplex about 1½ years ago and would like to expand the existing deck from 10' x 10' to 17' x 14'. Pictures and a plot plan were submitted. The existing deck is located in an alcove area on the west side of 5 Mount Pleasant Street where they reside.

The current deck has one set of stairs that leads into the driveway area. The new deck would have two sets of stairs – one leading to the back yard and one to the front yard. This deck would be 4' closer to the driveway and 7' closer to the front of the house, with the front area lining up with an existing window. It would be very similar to the existing deck, using the same colors - white with a gray floor, similar balusters and be at the same height as the existing deck

A letter was presented from the Ostler's abutter, Robert and Judith Carlson of 15 Manchester Street, agreeing to the proposed expansion. Mr. Pierce, who lives across the street at 13 Manchester Street, also spoke in favor of the expansion.

With Mr. Wilbert making the motion and Mr. Findley seconding, the members unanimously approved the project.

35 Railroad Square – The Tattoomb Parlor

Mr. Stevens would like to install a 16 square foot non-illuminated sign for his new business, which he plans on opening on April 1st. The business will be located on the lower level of the building, which has its entrance and archway between Riverwalk Cafe and Olga's Bridal & Alterations.

Mr. Stevens showed several options for signs on the plan, but was requesting approval for only one sign. Three signs were shown – 1) a long, narrow one above the first floor windows, 2) one on the archway, and 3) one between the windows of the Riverwalk Cafe and Olga's Bridal & Alterations. The owner of the building would prefer the sign be located between the windows of the other businesses. That preferred aluminum sign would be 8' long and a little over 2' high. It would have a burgundy background, similar to the Riverwalk Café sign, with gold lettering and black and burgundy finishing. Mr. Stevens said he might want to add gooseneck lighting at a later time. Located below the sign would be a directional hand that would have a skull type image.

With Mr. Wilbert making the motion and Mr. Mellen seconding, the members unanimously approved the sign, which would be located between the windows of the other businesses.

87 Concord Street

Mr. and Mrs. Spence have lived at this location for 19 years and are the 4th owners of the property. They would like to replace the existing 16' x 21' garage plus the foundation of the original two-story barn with a 35'6" x 28' three-car garage, including a storage area above. Pictures were submitted, along with the proposed front and rear elevations of the garage. Catalog pages for the windows and a 1909 plot plan were also submitted. The lot was subdivided in 1914, which eliminated the back portion of the lot from this parcel and incorporated that area into 52 Berkeley Street. Part of the barn foundation goes into the back parcel; some of that stone foundation will be removed and added to the rear stonewall to make it continuous.

The exterior materials of the garage will be consistent with those on the main house, including the siding, windows and doors. The roofline pitch of the adjacent portion of the house will be maintained. The original barn/carriage house door would be used on the rear elevation of the garage. A 5' x 5' cupola would be placed on top of the garage. Three Anderson casement

windows, similar to the adjacent porch would be placed on the front and rear elevations on the upper level. The applicant will be going to the Zoning Board of Adjustment tomorrow night for a variance.

Letters from abutters were submitted that supported the project – 86 Concord Street (Nashua Children’s Home), 85, 88 and 91 Concord Street, and 50 and 52 Berkeley Street.

The members felt the design was an improvement to the existing structure and was consistent with the house structure.

With Mr. Wilbert making the motion and Mr. Findley seconding, the members unanimously approved the project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.