

# NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, 17 April 2006, 6:30 p.m. - Room 208, City Hall

## *Members:*

Roberta Woitkowski, Chair  
Michael Findley  
Frank Mellen  
Alderman Daniel Richardson  
Bob Sampson  
Alderman Gregory Williams

## *Also present:*

Carter Falk, Planning Department

*11 Canal Street – Sheet 43, Lot 98, Property Account #40142 – D-1/MU Zone – Maria J. Vicente (owner), Café Brasileiro (applicant) – Requesting approval for a 64’ square foot non-illuminated wall sign*

*Maria Vicente, owner*

*Dan McFarland*

## **Minutes**

With Mr. Findley making the motion and Mr. Sampson seconding, the 27 March 2006 minutes were unanimously approved. Ms. Woitkowski abstained, as she was not present.

## **11 Canal Street – Café Brasileiro**

Ms. Vicente recently bought the building and submitted an application for a 16’ x 4’ non-illuminated sign on the front side of the building. She now wants to include another sign on the west side of the building and said she would have to repair the roof if she doesn’t add a sign on the west side. Currently board panels for signs are located on the front and west side of the building that cut into the roofline. Ms. Vicente was told she would have to come back another time to add the 2<sup>nd</sup> sign as the case was only advertised for one sign.

Ms. Vicente designed the sign, which will say “Café Brasileiro authentic brazilian coffee house”. Pictures of the building and drawings of the proposed sign were submitted. Ms. Vicente said she might want to add the phone number to the sign. The sign drawings were not to scale. The members would want the wording centered on the sign and to look professional. The existing panel would be painted chartwell gray on the background and have 6” and 3½-4” gold painted wood letters attached. The cup would probably be plastic and be painted gold, in the same proportion as the lettering.

*With Mr. Findley making the motion and Mr. Sampson seconding, the members unanimously approved the project as presented at this meeting, but with the following stipulations:*

- 1. The lettering would be centered vertically and horizontally on the face panel*
- 2. The background would have a chartwell gray background*
- 3. The lettering would be gold*
- 4. The cup would be gold, with the same proportional size as letters.*

## **Section 16-35 Purpose and Finds and Certificate of Approval**

A letter dated 27 March 2006 with enclosures from A. David Pierce was received. He would like the following wording be added after Section F of the Certificate of approval: “Upon finding all of the above and purpose and findings section 16-35 shall have been met, the Historic District

Commission may approve an application.” Copies of sections of the new land use code and NROs were enclosed.

Discussion of his letter ensued. The members felt they already discuss the points that are in the new code. They also felt they don't have the authority to change the language, only to make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. Currently the land use code has a section about a case being disapproved. One of the points in the HDC area relates to new construction and not all cases that come before the HDC are new construction, so it would create a conflict. The members want to table the discussion until Mr. Pierce can attend and let the members know what he wants to accomplish beyond what is said in his letter.

*With Mr. Sampson making the motion and Mr. Findley seconding, the discussion is tabled until the next available meeting when there is actually a case before the HDC.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.