

NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, 26 March 2007, 6:30 p.m. - Room 208, City Hall

Members:

Roberta Woitkowski, Chair
Frank Mellen
Michael Findley
Bill Hooley
Randy Wilbert

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 of Nashua, Inc. (owner) – Requesting approval for non-illuminated wall signage and outdoor lighting
Jill Gosselin, church representative

Minutes

Both minutes were approved unanimously:

22 January 2007 – Motion by Mr. Findley, 2nd by Mr. Wilbert

26 February 2007 – Motion by Mr. Mellen, 2nd by Mr. Slivinski; Mr. Findley abstained

8-12 Franklin Street – Grace Fellowship

The church came back tonight for a final approval for the signage and lighting. They were last present at the HDC 27 March 2006 meeting.

Pictures, catalog pages plus present and proposed drawings were submitted. The interior of the building is just about complete. The café profits will be used for mission work.

The lights will be similar to those proposed last year. The lighting fixtures shown on drawing B-2 and the shades shown for #18107 and #18110 will be used. The lights will be symmetrical and highlight the sign, not the entire building. For the Bonhoeffer's Café & Espresso sign, gold individual plastic letters will be fastened to the black façade. Two oval signs, which will have Dietrich Bonhoeffer's name and face, will be placed above the door and one of the windows.

Although not advertised on the docket tonight, the church wishes to have a plaque for the outside of the building that will explain who Dietrich Bonhoeffer was. Mr. Falk didn't believe the Planning Staff would have a problem with it since it wasn't very large, lit or advertising the business, but was a building description sign. The church will send a copy of the proposed description sign to Mr. Falk who will forward it to the HDC.

At a later time, the applicant wants to add handicap access to the building that would be on the left as you are facing the building. Currently you need to step up from the sidewalk to get into the building. They also want to add outdoor seating in the rear of the building. The area would need to be narrow since it is next to the railroad tracks.

With Mr. Wilbert making the motion and Mr. Findley seconding, the proposed signage and lighting plan was unanimously approved.

48 Main Street – The Peddler's Daughter – Sheet 43, Lot 66

11 Canal Street – Café Brasileiro – Sheet 43, Lot 98

The members want Mr. Falk to check on the gooseneck lights for the Peddler's Daughter regarding their size and approval. They also want him to check the Brazilian Café sign.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Hooley checked out historic signs on the internet and located one company that specializes in them but found them to be expensive. The members felt the house identification signs should be resin as they would last a long time.

Ms. Woitkowski felt instead of doing the external items that were mentioned at the last meeting, she would like to have some internal items taken care of first. Although a lot of good ideas were discussed, she thought the handbook and ordinance need to be updated first. Ms. Woitkowski will work on updating the handbook.

The members are still interested in expanding the district and also adding historic signs. They discussed what was involved. Mr. Falk will talk to Mr. Connell, the City's Attorney, about getting other parcels added to the HDC. They also may get the aldermen involved.

The meeting ended at 7:22 p.m.