

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**10 May 2011**  
**Conference Room, City Hall**

**Members present: R. Burke, R. Chandler, N. Goodick, S. Miller, ~~G. Nazarian~~, R. Pino, P. Shea**

Vice Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a prior polling the members of the Commission.

Prior to dealing with the advertised agenda for the meeting, Mr. Rasso, one of the Partners in the Lorraine Apartment Building asked for clarification regarding the factory applied color to be used on the railings of the building. Since the Commission did not have a copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness it had issued, Mr. Shea suggested that he contact the Community Development Department for the information regarding the railings and the trim color they were to match.

The only item on the agenda was a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to attach a bracket and business sign on the building located a 37 Main Street, Map 7, Lot 38. Appearing for the applicant was John Nicastro.

Mr. Nicastro did not submit any information regarding the bracket and sign design prior to the meeting. Mr. Nicastro presented a computer print out of the sign he proposed, but unfortunately did not know the size of the proposed sign. When asked by Mr. Burke about the size, Mr. Nicastro was able to give only a rough estimate of its size, which was about three feet by four feet. Neither was he clear as to the placement of the sign. Since the Commission did not have the zoning ordinance before it, Mr. Burke suggested that the applicant contact the Building Inspector in order to determine the parameters within which he should be working.

The design of the sign was questioned by the entire Commission because of the amount of information it contained, including, but not limited to, lettering, colors, a telephone number, an ice cream cone, a decorated cupcake and the name of the business.

Mr. Shea quite clearly explained fact that the Commission had jurisdiction over all signage that is to be erected in the Historic District, and that jurisdiction not only includes the placement of the sign but also the design of the sign and its compatibility with other signage in the Historic District. It was suggested to the applicant that some of the information contained on the proposed sign be more appropriate on the window of the building, and that he, as Mr. Shea phrased it, keep in mind the acronym "KISS".

Mr. Shea suggested that the meeting be continued to the 24<sup>th</sup> of May in order to allow the applicant time to rework the design. To that end Mr. Burke was asked to request that date through the Community Development Department. A motion was entertained, seconded, and unanimously approved to continue the meeting until 24 May 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 o'clock P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Burke  
Secretary