

**CITY OF PEEKSKILL  
HISTORIC AND LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD**

**MINUTES**

*May 22, 2014*

The Historic and Landmarks Preservation Board (the “Board” or “HLPB”) held its regular meeting on May 22, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Board Members present: Catherine Martone Chairperson, Joseph Squillante, Vice Chairperson, Mary Ellen O’Brien, Lawrence Cunningham, Mary Basalyga, Ida Wiggins,

Board Members absent: Joseph Gasparino

City staff in attendance: Jean Friedman, Planner

Catherine Martone, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

**I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- April 24, 2014 minutes moved by Ms. Basalyga and seconded by Ms. Wiggins. All in favor. Minutes approved as presented.

**II. APPLICATION REVIEWS**

**APPL:** Star Sign & Graphics  
3199 Albany Post Road, #301  
Buchanan, NY 10511

**Owner:** Dan Putnam  
155 Lafayette Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10603

**Tenant:** Julie Overskei  
44 North Division Street  
Peekskill, NY 10566

**RE:** Certificate of Appropriateness Review to install a new perpendicular sign on an existing building in the Downtown Local Historic District.

**Location:** **44 North Division Street**

**Section-Block-Lot:** 33.29-4-12

Mr. Chris Pyzik from Star Sign and Graphics was present. He explained that it is a perpendicular sign, 1" thick, made of PVC. The business is on the second floor, and that is where the sign will be hung from. A perpendicular sign was approved for this location previously.

No one had any objections to the sign, as long as the screws for the bracket are mounted into the mortar between the bricks, and not directly into the brick.

Ms. Basaglya made a motion to approve the application as presented.

Ms. Wiggins seconded the motion.

All in favor. Application approved as presented.

**APPL:** DGK Realty LLC - Lawrence DeNoia  
994 Main Street  
Peekskill, NY 10566  
**Owner:** same  
**RE:** Certificate of Appropriateness Review regarding repainting an existing storefront located in the Downtown Local Historic District.  
**Location:** **994 Main Street**  
**Section-Block-Lot:** 33.29-2-17

Mr. Larry DeNoia was present and explained that he bought the building in 2006, and re-painted the building in 2009, so it is due for another painting. But first he needs to repair the exterior wood because it is rotting. The carpenter will replace the bottom wood, same as existing. The sign will be removed and repainted the same as it is now, and re-installed after the painting is done. I like the colors that Board members suggested for the façade. I am also having masonry work done on the front entrance, because the bluestone is cracking. I will replace the tile to look very close to what it is now. It may be a little thicker.

Ms. Martone said that several members met at the site to suggest colors. We chose green to work with the sign, and red and tan to pull in the color details. The new colors will be darker than the current colors.

Ms. O'Brien made a motion to approve the application as presented.

Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion.

All in favor. Application approved as presented.

### III. DISCUSSION

- **6 North Division Street**

Ms. Friedman explained what the National Association of Letter Carriers wants to do with the façade of the building. The applicant is interested in applying for a Main Street grant, and needs HLPB approval first. I thought I would bring it to you since his application isn't ready yet, to determine whether he is on the right track or not. The Lexan glass panels are cracking and replacement glass is not available. They would like to remove all the glass and stucco, and cover the façade of the building with vertical aluminum panels, the same as what was approved for the Weeks building. He also wants to replace the second story window with an insulated sliding window. It will fit into the same opening.

A Board member suggested that the panels be semi-gloss, not very shiny.

Ms. Martone said that the building has art deco details, so a wood storefront or all stucco would not be appropriate.

The Board felt that the sliding windows would be ok, as long as it has a metal frame to match the metal on the storefront windows.

Ms. Friedman said that the awning cover would be removed, and the sign would be lowered so that it is centered.

A Board member asked how the top edge of the roofline would be finished.

Ms. Friedman said that it is possible that the original building is brick underneath the glass panels, but the condition is unknown.

The Board asked that, before the next meeting, the applicant look behind a glass panel if possible to determine the condition of the brick. If the brick is salvageable, it is preferred, but if not, then the aluminum panels may be acceptable. A sample of the panel should be submitted.

The applicant will return next month with a full application.

- **1028 Main Street**

Mr. Borchardt was present, and he handed out a new proposed rendering and the COA approved rendering.

Mr. Squillante said that this design is complementary to other nearby buildings at that height, and the curved roof is pleasing.

Ms. Martone noted that the back portion of the building is squared off, and the front of the building remains curved.

Mr. Borchardt said that he kept the buttress concept, and the second story is still set back a little, creating a shadow line.

Ms. Martone asked the architect to look at the front roof lines and examine the way the planes come together. What will it look like as you look into the front corner of the building where three roof lines intersect?

The applicant will return to the next meeting with a full application.

- **Hudson River Healthcare landscaping**

Mr. Squillante asked that this item be added to the agenda because he wasn't here at the last meeting, and would like to make a comment. HRHC said that they would come back showing all native plants, but they haven't. I made a list of native species that would be appropriate to replace the non-native plants. As an example, Boston ivy is not native, but Virginia Creeper is. This list should be used as alternates.

The Board agreed, and Ms. Friedman agreed to send the list to the applicant requesting that they use all native species.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm.

Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.