

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

MINUTES

June 22, 2023

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The Historic and Landmarks Preservation Board (the “Board” or “HLPB”) held a meeting on June 22, 2023 at 7:30 pm at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present: Ida Silver Wiggins, Mary Ellen O’Brien, Christian Larson and Nicole Mandra. A City of Peekskill Planner was also in attendance.

Atticus Lanigan, Planner, called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion made to accept the meeting minutes from May 25, 2023 made by Member Larson and seconded by Member Wiggins garnered unanimous support.

II. APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Hisapana Signs
Occupant	Marleny Martinez Guerra
Address	1007 Park Street
Owner	Matthew R. Mazzamurro
SBL	33.30-4-5
RE:	Certificate of Appropriateness review for new signage at existing storefront in the Downtown Historic District

Maite Shinin of Hisapana Signs represented the business owner seeking approval for new signage at Al Pelo Hair Salon, with three new options with new fonts and sizing had been submitted prior to the meeting. The Board deliberated over the different styles and concluded that the first one presented was the “least stylized” and “most understated,” which also happened to be the choice of the client. The Board was concerned however with the size of the letters, although the least tall of the selections, the text constituted most of the area of the sign. The Board approved the first option but asked that the proportions of the third option be used, giving more space between the sides of the sign and the text. This requirement is a condition of approval.

A motion made to approve a Conditional COA for this application made by Member O’Brien and seconded by Member Mandra garnered unanimous support.

Address	23 South Division
Applicant	John Sharp
Occupant	Gleason’s Peekskill LLC
Owner	23 South Division Street Partners

SBL	33.30-4-19
RE:	Certificate of Appropriateness review for new signage at commercial storefront in Downtown Historic District.

John Sharp presented an application for new signage at an existing restaurant storefront, composed of one internally lit wall sign and window decals in three windows. It was noted that the window decals are to be transparent behind the text and logo, which is not how they are depicted in the application. The wall sign is what is described as false neon, made up of low lumen and low voltage LED lights. Sharp described the purpose of the custom-made lighting is to carry on the aesthetic of the nearby Paramount Theatre and what may be considered an arts district in the future.

A motion made to approve a COA for this application made by Member Mandra and seconded by Member Larson garnered unanimous support.

Address	1 South Division
Applicant	Joseph G Thompson, Architect
Occupant	Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce
Owner	Peekskill Area Chamber of Commerce
SBL	33.30-4-3
RE:	Certificate of Appropriateness review for building façade and historic storefront improvements in Downtown Historic District.

Joe Thompson presented the façade amendments for this existing storefront, along with several historic images of the property; one in particular showed that much of the façade and historic features had been covered over the years, possibly compromising the original design and brickwork. It was shown that various portions of the brick detail have experienced “severe deterioration” wherein repointing and even replacement may be necessary.

The renovations seek to bring the façade back to its original appearance, but with more color applied; namely, painting the cornice, which remains intact, rehabbing the brick including the arches on the third story windows. It was also noted that the second-story window arches may be able to be duplicated with modern material, reestablishing the sills and using fiberglass casts, but doing so is contingent on whether additional changes are financially feasible. The additional improvement to the second-story windows would be considered an alternative design and the applicant seeks approval for both designs; that is, option one is without the additional improvement and option two includes the second-story improvement. It was noted that the painted areas would have texture, made to look like painted brick, where appropriate.

The applicant reiterated to the Board that this is a project with state funding via the Peekskill Downtown Revitalization Fund (DRF) and that the City is in support of the project. Also noted, the proposed improvements will create an appearance more in keeping with historic Peekskill design, more so than what exists there now. The applicant stated that a signage application will be filed separately, at a later date.

A motion made to approve a COA with two design options for this application made by Member Mandra and seconded by Member Larson garnered unanimous support.

III. NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the possibility of scheduling a Special Meeting to cover three pending

applications.

IV. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Member Mandra and seconded by Member Larson garnered unanimous support. The meeting ended at 8:31pm.