

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

August 13, 2013

PRESENT: Ann Parks, James Fassanella, Philip Wise, Jean Keplinger

OTHERS: Robert C. Spahn, Architect for 649 Pittsford-Victor Road

Chairman Ann Parks began the meeting at 7:30 PM. Ann welcomed the newest member of the Commission, Jean Keplinger. Jean was the Historian for the Town of Perinton for fifteen years. She is replacing Commission member Susan Angevine, who stepped down this summer.

RITE-AID PHARMACY 649 Pittsford-Victor Road

Mr. Spahn, representing Rite-Aid, said that the pharmacy was looking to upgrade their store in Bushnell's Basin with some new architectural features, and to strike a good balance with the existing proportions of the plaza itself. Their intent is to make the store more visible. The addition of a gabled roof would be their signature feature. The Perinton Planning Board had a question for the HAC to look at. They were concerned about the proportion/relation between the angle of this proposed roof and that of the dry cleaners roof at the opposite end of the plaza.

Mr. Spahn said that there would be new trim and siding, and that they are looking to use a more permanent material such as Hardie Plank, which is fiber cement. Gooseneck lamp fixtures will be added. The roof shingles will match the rest of the plaza – a charcoal colored architectural shingle. He said that the challenge is to come up with a plan to dress up there area of the plaza without causing any ill effects on the remaining portion of the plaza. A. Parks asked if there would be Hardie Board around the window trim. Mr. Spahn said that there would be, and he showed the colors of the Hardie Board and the Hardie Board trim. P. Wise commented that he thought that the roof looked better proportionately and he liked the ventilation in the back. He also liked the plan to keep the sign the same size as the existing sign.

Ann Parks asked about the clear/glazed glass on the front of the building. Mr. Spahn said that the backs of the merchandise shelving units are situated in the front of the store, and that is what the public sees in the front windows. They would like to provide some shielding on the glass so that the backs of these shelving units will not show. The 3M Company has some window glazing film that has a frosted glass effect. The product would be 3M Scotchcal 7725-324, which has a sand-blasted look, in the color "Frosted Crystal." The frosted glass would be on the lower three sections of the glass, and the top two sections of glass would remain clear.

P. Wise made a motion to accept the proposed amended specifications and details, presented to the Commission on August 13, 2013, as described in the original proposal dated June 27, 2013. The lighting will include three gooseneck fixtures, re-using the same junction boxes. Other exterior changes include signage and enlarged posts and Hardie Plank trim on the door, window and pediment. The scale and proportion of the proposed new gable is an appropriate match to the existing gable. The opaque, 3/5 glass bottom should be without

clutter and will help to keep the architecture “clean” and appropriate for the visual effect. The existing cupola will be removed. J. Fassanella seconded the motion.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Keplinger
Nays: None
Motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

O’Connor Road lighting - Historian Bill Poray passed out information on lighting at O’Connor Road for the Commission to look at. He was given this material by the Perinton Department of Public Works to get the input of the Commission as to their preference on which design seemed appropriate for this area of Town. There were three different light designs to choose from. Of the three, the members liked #2 the best, because of its simplicity. There was a discussion regarding a warm white bulb or a bright white bulb, and which one would have less glare. They also had questions about durability and how many light posts would be in the designated area. We will try and get a sample of the bulbs from Tom Beck.

Egypt Historic District – Bill Poray passed out the 2013 Inventory Survey of the Egypt Historic District. The dwellings were rated by the Landmark Society’s Cynthia Howk, with the standard color coding for surveys as to their historic significance in the Town of Perinton.

Primary – Barb Clay mentioned that the next Commission meeting falls on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, which is the day of the Republican Primary in Perinton. If there is an agenda on that day, Barb will be working as an Election Inspector and not able to attend the meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 14, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted. J. Fassanella made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by A. Parks.

Ayes: Parks, Fassanella, Wise, Keplinger
Nays: None
Motion unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Ann Parks adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay