

Historic District Commission Meeting
Thursday, November 12 2013
Visitors Center, North Street at
7:00 pm

Minutes
APPROVED 12/19/2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Members Present: David Messier, Kristin Kenniston and Richard Wahrlich

Review of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed after New Business.

New Business:

- **HDC (2013-0004) Revolution Cantina Claremont, NH**– Applicant is requesting permission for an awning and signage. Property Location: 38 Opera House Square Tax Map: 120, Lot: 44, Zone B-1

Revolution Cantina owners, Shane Bodkins and Isabel Guillen were in attendance. The applicants were requesting two signs, one which will be fixed flat to the building and the second will be a hanging sign. They decided that there would be no awning. Ms. Guillen also mentioned that the pictures in the plan showed gooseneck lighting, but she wasn't sure if they would be going through with lighting or not.

Mr. Messier suggested that the lighting could be approved at that meeting, but it didn't mean that they would have to add lighting. He explained that by including it in the meeting that evening, it would prevent them from having to come back for an additional meeting. They would have one year to do the signs and the lighting. After the year, they would have to reapply. They decided to seek approval for the lighting as well.

Both signs will be made of wood with an adhesive stenciled design of the logo, like the signs currently located at New Socials. The flat sign will be mounted to the building and will fit in the space beneath the upper story windows and the lintel above the entrance. The hanging sign will be 3' round and will be mounted on an antique metal bracket directly to the building.

The proposed lighting would be metal goosenecks. There would be two or three of them mounted somewhere above the flat sign.

The applicants were asked if there were considering window decals or stencils. They responded no.

Mr. Messier mentioned that the granite work on the building had been painted white by a previous occupant of the building without consent of the HDC. The painting of mason work that was previously unpainted is not allowed by the HDC. Ms. Guillen and Mr. Bodkins have repainted the granite red and black. However, because the current occupants were not the ones who originally painted the granite, they will not be penalized.

The public session was then closed.

Discussion:

The survey sheet enclosed with the agenda was for the building next to the one being discussed. The building is a Gothic, mid 19th century brick building with granite window frames and other granite features. It forms an integral part of the wall of Tremont Street into Opera House Square. It is a very unique building that adds visual interest. Based on

observations and discussion, and despite the fact that a survey sheet wasn't provided, the board agreed on the rating of 3.

Abutter: None present.

Review:

HDC Criteria	
1 Values of the building and contribution to the surrounding area	Architectural: Gothic, mid 19 th century brick building with granite work. Integral part of wall on Tremont St. Unique. Visual interest. Historic & Cultural: none know without survey sheet.
2 Compatibility with the existing bldg/structure to setting/surrounding uses	N/A
3 Scale and size compatibility with surroundings	N/A
4 Affect of the proposed improvement on other buildings/structures	For both signs and lighting, there will be no negative impact on other structures.
5 Proposed impact on setting & extent of proposal to preserve/enhance surrounding	Consensus that the proposed impact would be positive for business and not negative on the district.
6 Are the Secretary of Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitation met?	N/A

Motion: To approve both signs and the lighting as presented.

Made by: Mrs. Kenniston **Second:** Mr. Wahrlich

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: To accept minutes from September 26 2013 as presented.

Made by: Mr. Wahrlich **Second:** Mrs. Kenniston

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: To accept minutes from August 22 2013 as presented.

Made by: Mr. Messier **Second:** Mr. Wahrlich

Discussion: The board agreed to accept minutes with three minor changes. On page under New Business, the fifth paragraph: "address" was changed to "addressed" and "Planning Board" was changed to "Planning Department." On the last page under Criteria 4, "non-conforming" was changed to "abandoned."

Vote: Unanimous, to accept the minutes with the changes mentioned in discussion.

Motion: to adjourn

Made by: Mrs. Kenniston **Second:** Mr. Wahrlich

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM

Respectfully submitted by, Kristin Kenniston