

The Borough of Phoenixville  
Historical Architectural Review Board  
February 16, 2010

1. Call to Order 5:35p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call  
Present were: Brad DiCriscio, Dana Dugan, Frank Tallarico, Jennifer Faggioli & Brian Slater  
Absent were: Joel Bartlett (excused) and Brian Ayres (excused)  
Also Present : Barry Cassidy
4. Approval of Minutes January 19, 2010  
Approved unanimously
5. Guideline Discussion  
None
6. Old Business  
HARB 09-14  
St. Peters Housing  
New Construction

Applicant not present. The application was not discussed.

7. HARB 10-01  
183-191 Bridge Street  
Victor J. Barr Architects  
New Construction

Victor Barr presenting. The applicant has included a detailed plan showing cornices and stucco in place of the stainless steel. He also explained that stainless steel was used in the previous application because the town evolved from steel and he wanted to mimic that with the architectural plan. The Board asked the applicant if stucco was the best option. The applicant responded that he is trying to use a material that will not draw attention and will mimic the brick. The Board brought up issues that builders have had with mold on stucco. The applicant responded that the stucco will consist of 3 coats of stucco on mesh based on slats. The Board referenced an email from Joel Bartlett about the height of the building and explained that it had already had approvals from The Planning Commission and height is not something that HARB can address. The Board also discussed the horizontal

railings on the balconies. The applicant discussed that he felt it was more modern. The Board felt vertical railings were a better choice. The Board asked the applicant if the side wall on the eastern side of the building was just a stucco wall. The applicant responded that they do not have the rights to the air space and cannot put windows on that side. The Board suggested that there was an art program commissioned by the Village Arts Center that could possibly help him with an artwork project to beautify the side. The awning material was discussed and it was determined that the material will be canvas. The awnings will protrude 30 inches from the building and will lessen the demand on the HVAC systems. After much more discussion, it was determined that HARB could approve a conceptual design so that the project could get started. The applicant will return to The Board with a more detailed plan.

Motion made by Brad DiCrisio to approve the concept design with the understanding that the applicant will return with a more detailed application as available

Motion seconded by Jennifer Faggioli

Motion passed unanimously

#### 8. New Business

HARB 10-05

138 Bridge Street

Sign

Bob Kropp presenting. The sign will be 28”H by 40”W double sided wood carved custom painted per approved artwork mounted flag-mount style on wrought iron bracket.

The applicant was asked if the sign had any lighting planned by the Board. The applicant responded that no lighting was planned at this time. The Board asked if the sign would be hung by a bracket above the door and what type of material it will be. The applicant responded that it would be hung right above the door and that the material will be carved HDU sign foam. The Board asked if the letters will be raised. The applicant responded that the letters would be engraved and the fire will be raised.

Motion made to approve HARB 10-05 as described in the application by Jennifer Faggioli.

Motion seconded by Dana Dugan

Motion passed unanimously

HARB 10-06

14 South Main Street

Fenix Signs

Sign

Bob Kropp presenting. The sign will be 26”H by 38”W double sided wood panel sign with three color vinyl graphics per artwork, swing-mount from 40” wrought iron bracket. The Board asked the applicant if this was the old barbershop and if the mounting area was marble. The applicant responded that yes, this is first floor store and that it was marble above the store. Special marble bits will be used to mount the sign. Certain Board members voiced concerns for the use of the building.

Jennifer Faggioli made a motion to approve the sign as described in the application.  
Motion seconded by Brad DiCriscio  
Motion passed unanimously

HARB 10-02  
234 Bridge Street  
Spectrum Healthcare  
Sign

The hanging sign will be 24”H by 36”W made of MDO material with a scroll bracket attachment.

Dan McDevitt presenting for the applicant. Per Mr. McDevitt the business is between Heidi Sue and Artisan’s and they have not had a sign for two years. The Board suggested that the applicant also go to Borough Hall for a Zoning Hearing Board application. The Board asked Mr. McDevitt if the background color of the sign was white and the applicant responded yes. The Board suggested that the sign be a cream or grey to hide the dirt of the traffic driving by. Mr. McDevitt will discuss it with the applicant.

Motion made by Frank Tallarico to approve the sign.  
Motion seconded by Jennifer Faggioli  
Motion passed unanimously

HARB 10-07  
21 Main Street  
Timothy Wilfong  
Window Lettering

Timothy Wilfong presenting. The window lettering will consist of 1” to 3” vinyl lettering and will be approximately 25”W by 55”H overall.

The Board asked the applicant if the lettering will be just in the front window and where the ‘For Rent’ sign is now. The applicant confirmed The Boards questions. The Board asked the applicant why he chose window lettering over a bracketed sign. The applicant explained

that he decided that he did not want a bracketed sign. The integrity of the building was questioned by The Board. The applicant was also asked to clean up the paper signs around the window. It was also suggested to the applicant that he consider a sandwich board to bring in more business.

Motion made by Brad DiCrisio to approve the window lettering as described in the application.

Motion seconded by Jennifer Faggioli

Motion passed unanimously

HARB 10-03

239 Bridge Street

Charles Kern

Sign

The applicant was not present. The application was made to move the existing and already approved sign from one location to another.

Motion made by Jennifer Faggioli to approve the existing sign to be moved as described in the application

Motion seconded by Dana Dugan

Motion passed unanimously

HARB 10-04

181 Bridge Street

Tom Carnevale

Awning

Tom Carnevale presenting. The awning will be a fabric awning mounted on the aluminum structure. It will be mounted to existing stucco building face. Silver 'silk screen' numbers, 18" high Futura. Centered above existing door with the bottom of the numbers 8" above the bottom of the awning.

The Board asked the applicant if there is any lighting proposed and if the canvas will be affixed to the building. The applicant responded that there would be no lighting and the canvas will be affixed to the building.

Motion made by Jennifer Faggioli to approve the awning as described in the application

Motion seconded by Dana Dugan

The motion passed 3-0-1 with Brad DiCrisio abstaining as he has worked with the applicant on other projects.

Motion to adjourn made by Brian Slater at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Faggioli