

Historic and/or Architectural Advisory Board  
City of Cortland  
July 9, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Historic District Commission was held on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Chair Kline, Comm. Delaney, Dineen, Kane, Smith and Wineburg

Staff Present: Zoning Officer Bruce Weber, Asst. Chief William Knickerbocker and Cheryl Massmann, Deputy City Clerk

Item No. 6 - Minutes - June 11, 2012 as amended.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion: Comm. Wineburg

Seconded: Comm. Dineen

Motion passed.

Item No. 1 - 16 Tompkins St. - (Armstrong et al/Yaman)(R4) - Roof

George Jenin of Yaman Construction and Don Armstrong were present. Chair Kline showed a photo of a home that utilized the proposed silver roofing and was located on Braeside in Homer. Comm. Kane noted that she hasn't seen a silver roof in the City. Comm. Smith stated that she likes the white and noted that more examples would be seen because of energy reasons. Chair Kline noted that she had only seen an example of the silver roofing and not the white. Comm. Wineburg noted that white goes better with the white and brown building colors. Comm. Dineen stated that he prefers white. Comm. Kane agreed that it would be better than silver.

A motion was made to approve the white roofing.

Motion: Comm. Wineburg

Seconded: Comm. Dineen

Motion passed.

Item No. 2 - 47-49 Main St. - (WildGinger)(CB) - Signage & Rear Door

Wen-Jun Ren and her daughter, Michelle, were present. Chair Kline explained that they are proposing a new sign to be in the same location as the previous unfinished furniture

store sign. The sign will say "Wild Ginger Asian Fusion" and will be thirty-one (31) feet long and will be using two and half (2 1/2) foot tall letters and the letters will be free floating letters cut from Komocel Board. The color will be gold. She explained that the upper case letters will be thirty (30) inches tall and the lower case ones will be twenty-four (24) inches tall and the font will be Victorian D.

Chair Kline also explained that they would like to receive permission to put a neon "OPEN" sign at their entrance doorway. It will be nineteen (19) inches by twenty (20) inches and will have no movement and it will not flash. Chair Kline noted that the rear door, also part of the application, is not fire rated and has to be replaced. Chair Kline told Ms. Ren that she will need to speak with the Code Office regarding what is needed for the door to meet Code and noted that rather than white, which is the color of the current door, they should consider a color that goes with the building. Chair Kline noted that the sign façade will remain the same color green and the letters will be in gold. Comm. Wineburg asked if the upper sign is the same length as the previous sign. Chair Kline also noted that the front columns on the building had never been painted to match and she felt that should be considered.

Chair Kline noted that the "OPEN" sign will be in the recessed doorway area. She also noted that those types of neon signs had been allowed in the past as long as their size was not excessive.

Thoughts on the color of the rear door off of the alley were discussed. Comm. Delaney noted that it should blend more with the building color for aesthetic as well as for security reasons. Chair Kline also noted that the Valspar Boysenberry color used on the trim in the front of the building was no longer being made in that shade. Asst. Chief Knickerbocker noted that the door should be solid and had to meet Code for fire rating.

Chair Kline reminded Ms. Ren that the City Code states that window signage must not exceed twenty-five (25) percent coverage or it must be twelve (12) inches back. Ms. Wen-Jun Ren stated that she does not plan to use any flags or banners.

Chair Kline suggested that they continue the green façade color down the two (2) unpainted columns in the front of the building. Comms. Kane and Wineburg noted that should be the building owner's responsibility and suggested that the Ren's contact them.

Ms. Wen-Jun Ren would also like to request a ramp be allowed at the rear entrance door for ease in bringing in items and also having a second handicapped exit in case of an emergency. Chair Kline asked them to return with a drawing of the plans for that ramp in that area and to check with the Code Office before rendering the drawing.

A motion was made to approve the gold letters as presented for the sign, approve the neon "OPEN" sign as presented and that the owner refer to Asst. Chief Knickerbocker for a fire proof door and ramp design and that the Historic Board recommends that the





