

Historic and/or Architectural Advisory Board
City of Cortland
February 11, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Historic and/or Architectural Review Board will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Linda Kline, Commissioners Dan Dineen, Pam Abbott, Mary Ann Kane, Karina Murphy

Absent: Commissioner Richard Stock

Staff Present: Deputy Chief William Knickerbocker, Confidential Secretary to the Mayor, Shellie Blaisdell

An introduction was made for new member of the board Karina Murphy filling the vacancy of Leslie Wineburg.

Approval of the January 14, 2014: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014, as submitted

Motion by: Comm. Dineen

Seconded by: Comm. Kane

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Item #1 – 24 Main Street – (Carlos Falso) – Signage / Advertisement

Proposal:

- Attach a sign on the metal edge of the existing overhang
- Sign “TATTOO” letters are white
- Material is ceramic letters on oak wood backing (the wood backing is black)
- Wood is screwed into the aluminum awning (2” screws, 3” long bolts into overhang)

The applicant Carlos Falso was not present for the meeting. Signage was installed although Mr. Falso was made aware of the process and regulations for signage in the historical district of Cortland. He was approached and made aware of the process and submitted his application after installing the signage.

- The comments by the board:
- Sign is not conducive to the weather-will deteriorate quickly
- Does not feel sign is attractive
- Could start a precedent if allowed the sign to be on the aluminum overhang-there is no other on the street
- Feel it could be done more tastefully
- Does not provide for continuity along the buildings down the street

Recommendations include:

- Put in the window-white vinyl letters – using 25% of the available space, either upper or lower part of window
- Hang the sign (the sign put up without approval from Historic Board) with chain from the awning

Decision of Commission:

A motion was made by Comm. Abbott to deny the request for the signage as presented with a recommendation to have Mr. Falso return to the Historic Commission with his proposal to answer questions the Commissioners have and represent to the board his proposal(s). This motion was seconded by Mary Ann Kane.

It was directed to Code enforcement to instruct Mr. Falso to take his sign down.

Motion by: Comm. Abbott
Seconded by: Comm. Kane

Approved: Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

Old Business:

- 77 Main Street – is in court. They have removed the sign and the business is no longer there.
- Clock Tower - Jessica Crawford is the new tenant and has requested one more month to get settled before meeting with Linda Kline. Linda will work with the tenant.

New Business:

Linda Kline received a call from the Cemetery on Tompkins Street on fund raising events coming in March to create income for the cemetery. Linda Kline had reference to some suggestions to help with the fundraising.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Comm. Dineen
Seconded by: Comm. Abbott

Approved: Ayes – 4
Nays – 0

I, LINDA KLINE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE HISTORIC AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTION(S) WERE ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NY, HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.

LINDA KLINE, CHAIRPERSON