



CITY of MEDINA Historic Preservation Board Special Meeting

Historic Preservation Board

Meeting Date: March 14, 2019

Meeting Time: 5:00pm

Present: Leslie Traves, Don Geitz, Paula Banks, Jonathan Mendel (Community Development Director), Sandy Davis (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Elizabeth Biggens-Ramer, Patty Stahl

Mr. Geitz made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2019 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Banks.

Vote:

Banks	<u>Y</u>
Traves	<u>Y</u>
Geitz	<u>Y</u>
Approved	3-0

Announcements: Mr. Mendel stated Leslie Traves will be representing the Historic Preservation Board on a group doing interviews for the bid design entities that are submitting bids for the new parking structure. Mr. Mendel stated they will be interviewing them soon. Mr. Mendel stated that will not be a formal approval process. Mr. Mendel stated the project may be on the April 11th agenda although if the board could keep their Thursdays in April open as much as possible, it would be good in the event a special meeting is called in order to get the construction underway as soon as possible.

Mr. Mendel stated the former Huntington Bank garage building has been demolished and they are building their 12 space parking lot. Mr. Mendel stated there are 2 businesses from the Raymond Building on the agenda this evening for Conditional Sign approval.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

1. H19-02 139 N. Court, Suite 1B Lucy Marie's Boutique CSP

Mr. Mendel gave a brief orientation of the project. Mr. Mendel stated this is a request for a Conditional Sign Approval for Lucy Marie's Boutique at 139 N. Court Street, Suite 1B.

Mr. Mendel stated the storefront is located on the south east corner unit.

Mr. Mendel stated the applicant requests new wall sign for a new business in the currently under construction Raymond building.

Mr. Mendel stated the proposed primary wall sign is 19.8 sqft on the east (front) building façade.

Mr. Mendel stated the proposed sign is compatible with the building and the district. Mr. Mendel stated the sign will be individual channel letters with some dimension.

Mr. Mendel stated the proposed wall signs comply with the sign code size requirements.

Mr. Mendel stated the proposed signage is compatible with the district, the building and the conditional sign guidelines.

Mr. Mendel stated Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Board grant a conditional sign approval for the proposed Lucy Marie's Boutique signs at 139 N. Court St.

Mrs. Traves asked if there is any other signage. Mr. Mendel stated it is just the one sign at this time.

Mr. Mendel stated the sign will be channel letters that are individually mounted letters on the brick. Mrs. Banks asked about the flowers at the bottom of the two front store windows. Mr. Mendel stated those are not the logo but are minor in size so he did not consider them window signage but the board can approve them for the sake of consistency. Mr. Mendel stated he considers the flowers administratively approved as architectural affectations.

Present for the applicant was Bob from FastSigns, 1100 W. Royalton Rd., Broadview Heights, Ohio. Bob stated the signs are cut letters mounted to the brick and they are also including the flowers on the windows which is a little less than 25% of the window space.

Mrs. Banks asked if the window flowers will be white, pink and purple. Bob stated they will just be white. Mrs. Traves asked for colors samples or a color print out because everybody's printer prints colors differently. Bob stated he did not bring a palette but the colors are listed on the submittal.

Mr. Mendel read the colors as Cotton White for the main letters of Lucy Marie's, Pink is the flower design in the petals and then also purple which is also in the flower and dotted i.

Mr. Geitz asked if they have enough room to put a sign on the south side because coming from the car wash or the Post Office, you will not see the sign on the east side. Mr. Geitz stated the south wall is much longer. Mr. Mendel stated he agrees and he has spoken with the sign contractor. Mr. Mendel stated they could put a wall sign on the south side of the building and probably of equal size because it is a longer wall so you can get a larger sign. Mr. Mendel stated he explained that option and they opted to propose just the one wall sign on the east façade.

Mrs. Traves asked if the store has access from the back parking lot. Mr. Mendel stated he believes this unit has access only from the front. Bob stated there is a door down the road on the Friendship side.

Mrs. Traves made a motion to approve a Conditional Sign permit for a wall sign at 139 N. Court Street, Unit 1B, Lucy Marie's Boutique as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Banks.

Vote:

Traves	<u>Y</u>
Geitz	<u>Y</u>
Banks	<u>Y</u>
Approved	3-0

2. H19-03 107 N. Court Street Custom Stone House CSP

Mr. Mendel gave a brief overview of the case. Mr. Mendel stated this is a request for a Conditional sign approval for Customized Manufactured Stone.

Mr. Mendel stated the storefront is located on the west side of the 100 block of N. Court St.

Mr. Mendel stated the applicant requests new permanent 6.2 square foot window sign on the east (front) building façade. Mr. Mendel stated the window signage has already been installed.

Mr. Mendel stated the sign is compatible with the design and materials of the building and is harmonious with the general character of the district.

Mr. Mendel stated signs must conform to the sign regulations outlined in Chapter 1147. Mr. Mendel stated permanent window sign area is calculated at one sqft of sign area for every one linear foot of store frontage and a maximum of 25% of the window area on which it is affixed. Mr. Mendel stated the permanent sign complies with the sign code size requirements.

Mr. Mendel stated the proposed signage is compatible with the district, the building and the conditional sign guidelines.

Mr. Mendel stated Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Board grant a conditional sign approval for the proposed signs at 107 N. Court St.

Present for the case was Dana Graf, wife of Jason Graf who was unable to attend this evening. Mrs. Graf stated they are the building owners at 107 N. Court Street. Mrs. Graf stated they are new to owning buildings on the square so she apologized for asking for approval after the fact. Mrs. Graf stated they put a lot of hard work into the inside of the building and tried to keep the signage as minimal as possible as this was never a storefront but was always closed curtains. Mrs. Graf stated they pulled the curtains down and opened up the storefront for a stone company. Mrs. Graf stated they do not want to have any focus to the sign but would rather the customers look inside the window.

Mrs. Graf stated in the future they will probably be removing all of the signs on the top and putting "North Court Professional Building" on one simple sign because people come and go from the other suites. Mrs. Graf stated they will do that in the future.

Mr. Geitz made a motion to approve a Conditional Sign Permit for 107 N. Court Street, Custom Stone House, as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Banks.

Vote:

Traves	<u>Y</u>
Geitz	<u>Y</u>
Banks	<u>Y</u>
Approved	3-0

3. H19-04 139 N. Court Ste. A Firestorm Gear CSP

Mr. Mendel gave a brief overview of the case. Mr. Mendel stated this is for Firestorm Gear at the Raymond Bldg. Mr. Mendel stated they will be at the west tenant space along W. Friendship Street. Mr. Mendel stated the storefront is located on the west side of the 100 block of N. Court St.

Mr. Mendel stated the applicant requests new 20.6 square foot wall sign on the north (front) building façade.

Mr. Mendel stated the sign as proposed is compliant with the zoning code requirements of one sqft of sign area for every one linear foot of store frontage. Mr. Mendel stated the permanent sign complies with the sign code size requirements.

Mr. Mendel stated the proposed signage is compatible with the district, the building and the conditional sign guidelines.

Mr. Mendel stated Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Board grant a conditional sign approval for the proposed Firestorm Gear sign at 139 N. Court St.

Present for the case was business owner Dan Stilla, 1066 Brookfield, Medina, Ohio.

Mr. Stilla stated they have been waiting quite a while to get into the Raymond Building. Mr. Stilla stated the sign will be stainless steel. Mr. Stilla stated the colored parts are going to be powder coated. Mr. Stilla stated the middle small triangle will be orange which is their logo color and the letters below will be black to set them apart. Mr. Stilla stated the sign on the door is just the logo with the hours of operation.

Mr. Geitz asked the nature of their business. Mr. Stilla stated they are a tactical outdoor and survival gear business. Mr. Stilla stated they do camping, outdoor hunting, fishing, shooting, etc.

Mr. Stilla stated about 70% of their clientele are police and military. Mr. Stilla stated they have open purchase orders with the Medina Police Department next door which makes it very easy to keep their location secure and also give them easy access to their client.

Mr. Geitz inquired about door access. Mr. Stilla stated there is an emergency egress door in the back of the store. Mr. Stilla stated the door is used in an emergency.

Mrs. Banks made a motion to approve a Conditional Sign Permit for a wall sign at 139 N. Court Street, Suite A, Firestorm Gear as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Traves.

Vote:

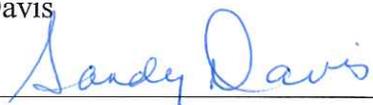
Traves	<u>Y</u>
Geitz	<u>Y</u>
Banks	<u>Y</u>
Approved	3-0

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Davis



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Leslie Traves, Chairperson