

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

Approved 7/26/11

West Chicago Historical Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes 06/28/2011

Members Present:

Tony Chinn
Janet Hale
Garth Keck
Stephen Schneider
Richard Vigsnes

Members Absent:

Sharon Plante
Jennifer Timbrook

Guests:

LuAnn Bombard
John Finchman
Fernando Ramirez
Tony Ioera
Elizabeth Chapa
Gil Ruiz
Michael Lellios
Jim Beifuss

- 1) Call to Order: Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Commission President Hale at 7:00pm
- 2) Certificate of Appropriateness Reviews
 - A) 416 E Washington. Jim Beifuss presented his his request to have the roof at 416 E Washington replaced in kind. After a brief discussion a motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Vigsnes and seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B) 129 Main Street. Fernando Ramirez presented his request for new window signage at 129 Main Imprenta Graphics. The signage consists of a Imprenta Graphics studio sign on the left window and four banners on the right window. The current beige curtains would remain. After a brief discussion a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Keck and seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.
 - C) 222 Main Street. Tony Ioera, Elizabeth Chapa, Gil Ruiz and Michael Lellios represented 222 Main and jointly presented the request for two neon window signs. The neon signs would replace the current signage on the large storefront windows. After a brief discussion and observation of pictures of past neon signs located in the historic district the group from 222 Main agreed to amend their request as follows. The neon signs would have red lettering with blue outline. Neon lines would not be extended from the sign to the edges of the windows. The signs would consist of 4-inch letters in three lines. The same font used for News Agency in the historical picture would be used for the neon signs. Commissioner Keck moved to accept the amended request. Commissioner Vigsnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - D) 142 W Washington. LuAnn Bombard presented on behalf of 142 W Washington to have the words on the storefront windows above the allowable limit removed. After a brief discussion the board noted that it did not have a preference for which words would be approved as long as enough words were removed to bring the storefront signage within the allowable limits. Commissioner Vigsnes moved to approve the request

and Commissioner Keck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E) 175 W Washington. LuAnn Bombard presented on behalf of 175 W Washington the request to replace the current signage on the storefront window. The current vinyl window lettering on the storefront would be replaced with the new vinyl window lettering noting the information of the new business Law Offices of Lopez and Mohammed Ltd located at 175 W Washington. After a brief discussion the commission confirmed that the new signage would be within the allowable limits of the city's sign code. A motion to approve the request was made by Commissioner Keck and seconded by Commissioner Schneider.
- 3) Historic Landmark Updates. LuAnn Bombard presented Sam's Auto request for ideas and request for suggestion on blocking traffic from cutting through their lot. LuAnn also mentioned that local landmark requests would now require a \$200 application fee to cover city expenses.
- 4) Approval of May Minutes. After a review of the May minutes and agreement to amend section 3a by the commission; Commissioner Keck motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hale and approved unanimously by the commission.
- 5) Adjournment. At 8:25pm Commissioner Keck moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion. After unanimous approval the meeting was promptly adjourned.