

City of Binghamton
Commission on Architecture and Urban Design
23 February, 2016
Minutes

Date: 23 February, 2016
Location: Planning Department Conference Room

Members Present:

J. Darrow
S. Edwards
K. Ellsworth
P. Klosky
M. Atchie

Others Present:

E. Bartashoff
A. Bartashoff
R. Murphy

Absent: J. Smith, M. Mauro

Approval of Minutes: No minutes

Items Heard:

137 Washington Street - (Signage Review) (2016-08)

Emiliya and Alex Bartashoff, applicants and co-owners of Strange Brew, appeared before the commission for Design Review regarding two signs.

The first type of sign presented was a wall sign, which would be done with vinyl window decals in the center, top and bottom of the window. The applicants established that the window would remain transparent and that the sign would not cover the entire window. K. Ellsworth communicated the intent of the board, which is to avoid full-window decals. P. Klosky expressed his appreciation of both signs and stated that he “applauded the projecting sign.” P. Klosky stated that he would like to encourage the projecting signage in the historic district.

J. Darrow made a motion, seconded by P. Klosky, to approve both the projecting and wall sign as presented.

Motion carried (5-0-0)

Ayes: J. Darrow, S. Edwards, K. Ellsworth, P. Klosky, M. Atchie
Nays: None
Absent : M. Mauro, J. Smith
Recused: None

The board then briefly discuss the applicants' informal proposal to paint the façade of the building, 137 Washington Street, in which their café would reside. K. Ellsworth read an email from J. Smith, an absent commissioner, which read as follows:

"I will not be in attendance. I would suggest that they limit their painting to the storefront only and not allow the colors to creep up onto the dentil molding that allows the contrasting colors of their logo to remain isolated from the appropriate colors on the rest of the building façade. I also recommend that they limit the orange/brown theme to the storefront panels as depicted in the CAUD2016-08.jpg image.

A fresh coat of paint on the stiles and rails and posts and door to match the existing color will help isolate the orange and brown and keep it from clashing with the brick/stone/other building colors."

J. Darrow also remarked the approved color should be consistent throughout the façade. In other words, the applicants should paint then entirety of the façade's detail, not just the detail abutting their window frontage. The applicants agreed that they would review historically approved colors and revisit façade painting the at a later date.

Other Business (continued):

- Outdoor Café Guidelines should be completed
- Conditional Approvals

Adjournment: 1:30 PM

Moved by J. Darrow, seconded by K. Ellsworth (5-0-0)

Unanimously approved

