

Greensburg Historic Preservation Commission
August 28, 2013, 5:30 PM: Meeting Minutes
Building, Planning, Zoning Meeting Room, City Hall

Commission Members Present: Melanie Maxwell, Theresa Schwering, Marc Coplou, Angie Wilson, Judy Curd, John Schmalenberg

Commission Members Absent: 0

Advisory Board Present: Linda Hash, Lisa Wheeler, Terry Wagner

Advisory Board Absent: Bryan Robbins, Gary Murray

Project Participants Present: Lou Caperoon, Debbie Caperoon, Shawn Green

Melanie Maxwell called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the June 26, 2013 meeting were unable to be printed. They will be reviewed at the September 4, 2013 meeting to be held at the Lou and Debby Caperoon project on "The Square."

Lou Caperoon again described the project as a "Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville" beach style restaurant. Shawn Green provided an 8 ½" x 11" computer drawing of the building's proposed frontage sign. Angie W. and Judy C. questioned compatible, historic features of the proposed sign and project. Melanie M. questioned timing of the project. Lou C. informed the HPC about a sprinkler installation problem that will likely result in an expensive lawsuit against the sprinkler company. Lou C. described a dress code required for restaurant patrons.

Judy C. asked about the possibility of having Lou's name on sign's palm trees to lessen their emphasis. John S. suggested that new downtown business is needed, but said he is concerned that the project's sign is not in keeping with the historic period or architectural character of the Square's designation. Theresa S. and Melanie M. said they believed that the palm trees, bamboo, and water waves of the sign as shown were not compatible with the downtown's historic period or character. Marc C. asked about the approximate time period that The Square represents. John S. suggested that the historic period is around the turn of the 19th century.

Much discussion ensued between the project participants and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to try to find a way to balance the requirements of the HPC with the signage style of the project. Theresa S. read from requirements of Historic Preservation that it was essentially the responsibility of HPC's to decide upon a project's historic or architectural value and color when compared to other surrounding buildings. Marc C. asked for the Historic Preservation requirements to be read one more time. Angie W. stated that reworking the sign was necessary for it to comply with Historic Preservation

requirements, but the project participants interjected that too much changing of the original sign could become a cost prohibitive undertaking.

Melanie M. suggests tabling a vote on the sign so that John S. and Judy C. could work with the project participants to help alter the sign for final vote by HPC. Shawn G. agrees to work with suggested HPC volunteers to help create a new drawing that will comply with the discussed Historic Preservation requirements. John S. then makes a motion that "Shawn G. work with the HPC volunteers to create a new computer generated drawing, in order for the HPC to: 1) meet at the Capareoon project with its participants next Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 5:30PM to better conceptualize whether the newly proposed sign compliments Historic Preservation requirements, and 2) vote on whether the reworked sign then complies with Historic Preservation requirements." The motion was seconded by Theresa S. and passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM