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Historical Architecture Review Committee

Minutes

October 26, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman, Henry Gabriel called the meeting of the HARC Commission to Order at 5:15 PM (awaiting one member to provide a quorum).

ATTENDANCE / ROLL CALL

Members Present were: Acting Chair Henry Gabriel, Kim King, Paula Hagnauer and Eric Hill. Excused absences: Ron Laboray and Terry Pierce.

Also present were: Steve Willaredt (Zoning Administrator), Jon Ferry (Economic Development Director) and Laura Andrews (Assistant City Attorney).

MINUTES & AGENDA

A motion to approve the Minutes and the Agenda for this meeting was made by Eric Hill and seconded by Kim King. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

CHAIR COMMENTS

The Acting Chair, Henry Gabriel, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and announced the HARC Board is a recommending body for the downtown area and anything approved or disapproved will go to the City Council and the Council will make the final decision on Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

PETITIONER: The Connection

**1200 Niedringhaus (Ralph Building, commonly known as the wedge)
Dr. Eddy Brown**

Dr. Brown introduced himself and gave a brief explanation of his proposal to bring a faith-based, gourmet coffee and beverage bar (tea and bottled water) for young adults. He requested HARC provide him guidelines of what would be approved, and asked what type of establishment the City is looking for in the downtown area.

The Petitioner stated his desire is to change the hearts of children. His intent is to teach youth faith-based life skills, provide them with a cultural environment by teaching crafts (such as pottery), art, music, (theatre) drama and photography.

The Petitioner mentioned various hours of operation, depending on the activity and needs of the community; i.e. daily morning hours for senior citizens, evening hours for students and later hours on Friday and Saturday for young adult entertainment.

Discussion followed. The Zoning Administrator stated the Petitioner's presence this evening is to present a proposal, with specific details, of what he (the Petitioner) wants to do. Mr. Willaredt read the list of permitted uses in Article 15 and the Petitioner was provided a copy. The Administrator voiced concern that the location will not accommodate the multitude of activities in his proposal. Additionally, the Arts and Entertainment District's permitted uses are not designed for a teaching facility.

The Petitioner stated he is aware of negative issues such as Handicap accessibility for the bathrooms, square footage of the building and the number of people the location will accommodate. He stated these are factors which may cause him to move away from the building and go elsewhere. He then stated his appreciation for the Board's time, but he needs to do something else, and withdrew his Petition request for *The Connection*.

MOTION by Paula Hagnauer and seconded by Eric Hill to allow the Petitioner, Dr. Eddy Brown, to withdraw his Petition for establishment of *The Connection*. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

REVIEWS:

(a). Sign - Kayla's Florist & Gifts

A copy of Petitioner Karen Sanders proposed sign, with use of plum color detailing, was presented by the Zoning Administrator. The only change will be the bold lettering to be more uniform with the Script font. **MOTION** by Eric Hill and seconded by Kim King to approve the proposed sign and color. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

(b). Sign - Lesco Appliance

The Zoning Administrator stated he had been in contact with Neon Sign Company and presented the suggestions made by HARC to use a different font, round the edges and elongate the sign. Mr. Willaredt displayed a copy of the new proposed sign. Discussion followed concerning the size and font being too large. The Zoning Administrator stated he did approve the 3 X 8 size.

MOTION to approve the revised Lesco Appliance sign submitted by Neon City Sign Company dated 10/07/2010 made by Eric Hill and seconded by Kim King. Roll call vote:

Henry Gabriel	Yes	Paula Hagnauer	No
Kim King	Yes	Eric Hill	Yes

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None voiced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None voiced.

Motion to Adjourn by Eric Hill and seconded by Paula Hagnauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Barbara Hawkins

HARC Recording Secretary

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Advisory Report
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MOTION by Paula Hagnauer and seconded by Eric Hill to allow the Petitioner, Dr. Eddy Brown, to withdraw his Petition request for establishment of *The Connection*.

Voice Vote: All ayes.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Review: Approval of Signage
Kayla's Florist & Gifts
Larry & Karen Sanders
1206 Niedringhaus (Ralph Building)**

MOTION by Eric Hill and seconded by Kim King to approve the Petitioner's proposed window sign with use of Plum color lettering and detail. The bold letter font to be more uniform with the script letter font.

Voice Vote: All ayes.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Review: Approval of Signage
Lesco Appliances
1901 State Street**

MOTION by Eric Hill and seconded by Kim King to approve the 3 ft. X 8 ft. revised proposal submitted by Neon Sign Company.

Roll Call Vote:

Henry Gabriel	Yes	Paula Hagnauer	No
Kim King	Yes	Eric Hill	Yes

Motion Passed.