
**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
DESIGN REVIEW & PRESERVATION BOARD**

MINUTES

29-Nov-00

Present

J. BIANCO, CHAIR
P. EVANS
J. FORTUNA
N. GOFF
B. PLUMLEY
N. STAMLER

Absent

B. KRONENBERGER
D. BROWN

Also Present

M. JOHNSON
R. CECUNIANIN

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.

The press release announcing this year's design awards will include a brief history of the board written by J. Bianco. J. Bianco will email the information to M. Johnson who will add it to N. Stamler's work and send it to the papers in time for a January press release.

M. Johnson presented for the Boards approval two items related to the Design Guidelines. The first was a proposal to separate the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation from the larger document. This was approved. The second was to utilize a layout and format style similar to that of Pittsburgh, an example of which M. Johnson brought to the meeting. This was also met with approval. J. Bianco suggested that, when addressing signage in the guidelines, mention also be made of the room for improvement existing in public signage as well. B. Plumley asked if the Guidelines would be made web-capable. M. Johnson said they would be.

Next, R. Cecunianin of FIORE II, presented his sign proposal for 332 Main Street. The Board approved a green aluminum tube sign with gold lettering to run the full width of the facade. A suggestion was made the R. Cecunianin shadow the letters.

A proposal from the offices of McVane, Bellobuono, Kuzmak, Wiezalis & Bibisi, LLP for a tent-like structure for Main Street entrances to First and Last Tavern was considered. The proposal was met with general disapproval by members of the Board. Members were worried about setting a precedent for other restaurants, as well as being suspicious of the aesthetic impact of the structure. M. Johnson told Board Members that he had been informed by the applicant that such a structure was in use at his Hartford property. Members said that, in any case, they needed more detailed information. The Board requested photographs of the Hartford example cited, information re: the proposed colors, and further details on the period of use proposed for the structure, as well as specific location and dimensions.

J. Bianco asked members their thoughts on the Christmas decorations. Board members were happy with the new lights but regretted the fact that there were not lights on the trees. B. Plumley inquired as to the possibility of putting the meeting minutes on the Web. M. Johnson said he would look into it.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Munro W. Johnson,
Community Development Specialist