

LOWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING
MAY 5, 2015
6:00 PM

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:03PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Recording Secretary Dianna Cade took roll call. Members answering the roll call were Ken Floyd, Connie Schrombeck, Don DeFrance and Susan Riley. Clifford Tetrault was absent. Also present were Building Official Tom Trulley and two citizens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Riley made a motion to approve the March 3rd, 2015 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Schrombeck and carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

PETITIONER: #2015-006 406 E. Commercial Ave., Lowell, IN

Dan Ruth (contractor) and Brad Konar (owner of property)

REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PURPOSE: New Exterior facade renovations and sign with exterior lighting.

Mr. Floyd stated that the Board would be discussing Historic #15-006.

Mrs. Schrombeck asked for clarification on the location of the building. Discussion followed.

Mr. Floyd opened the public hearing. Mr. Brad Konar stated that he was the owner of the building and would be opening a small motorcycle showroom and custom parts dealership. Mr. Konar stated that he would like to bring the building back to the original state, including cleaning up the paint and tuck pointing the facade. Mr. Floyd asked how the paint was going to be removed from the facade. Discussion followed. Mr. Konar stated that they would also like to update the windows. Mr. Konar stated that when they were doing the demolition on the inside of the building they discovered windows underneath some wood above the existing windows and also above the door and they would like to open that back up. Discussion followed.

Mr. Konar stated that they would like to do a flange sign off the building. Mr. Konar stated that the sign would be "36x36", and two sided. Mr. Konar stated that they had discussed using lighting coming off of the bracket on top of the sign lighting it up from both sides. Mr. Konar stated it would be similar to the old service station signs. Mr. Floyd asked if it would be similar to a goose neck. Discussion followed on colors of the sign and materials that the sign will be made of.

Ms. Riley inquired on the windows. Discussion followed on the windows.

Mrs. Schrombeck stated that the exterior facade renovation meets all the requirements according to the guidelines and made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact, seconded by Ms. Riley and carried with a voice vote.

Ms. Riley stated that the exterior facade renovation meets all of the requirements according to the guidelines and made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by Mr. DeFrance and carried with a voice vote.

Certificate of Appropriateness is approved for 406 E. Commercial, exterior facade renovations.

Mr. Floyd asked about how the signage would be hung from the building. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Schrombeck asked if they are going to be making custom motorcycles. Mr. Konar stated that the motorcycles would not be made at this site, it is going to be strictly a parts dealership and a showroom. Discussion followed on the rear of the building.

Ms. Riley stated that one of the requirements of the Historic Board was that the signage not be hung thru the masonry, it can only be hung thru the mortar. Mr. Konar stated that

Ms. Riley stated that the signage and the exterior lighting meets all the requirements according to the guidelines and made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact, seconded by Mrs. Schrombeck and carried with a voice vote.

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Certificate of Appropriateness is approved for 406 E. Commercial, signage and exterior lighting on signage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Floyd stated that they had been discussing moving the meeting time for the Historic Board to 4:00PM from 6:00PM. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Schrombeck made a motion to change the meeting time to 4:00pm contingent on the petitioner's being able to appear at that time.

Motion passed moving the meeting time to 4:00pm unless petition has conflict with that time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further questions or comments, Ms. Riley made a motion to adjourn at 6:30PM, seconded by Mr. DeFrance and carried by voice vote.

Ken Floyd, Chariman

Clifford Tetrault, Vice -Chairman