

**SUMMARY NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD**

On Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Northfield Village Board Room, 361 Happ Road, the Architectural Commission met at 7:00 P.M. to consider three issues:

Members in Attendance:

Pat Karr, Chairperson
Steve Page
Steve Hirsch
Tom Jennings
Patricia Leonard

Members Absent:

Juergen Fuss

OTHERS PRESENT: Linnea O'Neill (see attached sign-in sheet).

Chairperson Karr requested approval of the Summary Notes of the August 11, 2008 Architectural Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Page, Seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the Architectural Commission Summary Notes of August 11, 2008.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

Chairperson Pat Karr
Steve Page
Steve Hirsch
Tom Jennings
Patricia Leonard

Juergen Fuss

Motion Carried

ISSUE #1: Consideration of a request for a ground sign at Imagine Your Home by Orren Pickell located at 1799 Willow Road. The petitioner is Orren Pickell Designers & Builders.

Jeff Eichhorn from Orren Pickell was present for petitioner. Commissioner Leonard asked him if all the other names/placards under the sign would be removed from the sign. Mr. Eichhorn indicated they would be removed.

Commissioner Hirsch questioned what happened to the originally approved fountain with the sign. Mr. Eichhorn indicated that due to budget constraints, it had been eliminated.

Commissioner Page asked if the piers on the sign would match the columns. It was explained the piers would be the same colors.

Commissioner Jennings asked which way the sign faced and the setback. Mr. Eichhorn explained it faces east and west and is about 18 feet from the road which is out of IDOT right of way.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hirsch, Seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the proposed signage as submitted.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

Chairperson Pat Karr

Juergen Fuss

Steve Page

Steve Hirsch

Tom Jennings

Patricia Leonard

Motion Carried

ISSUE #2 Consideration of a request for façade and sign changes to the exterior building for Art Post Gallery located at 309 Happ Road. The petitioner is Mr. Scott Bates.

The owner of Art Post Gallery, Scott Bates was present and indicated that they have been in business since 1987 in the Carillon Square in Glenview. He passed more information to the Commissioner members, along with a postcard which depicted the look they plan to replicate for the Northfield store. The walls are movable partitions so they can change the look and feel inside by moving the walls and changing the track lighting. They plan add pillars to the exterior and remove the aluminum around the windows and install a new double front door. He explained that this is his wife's business, but that he helps out with the non-art business. The decided to move to Northfield because this location will be closer to their customer base which is Kenilworth, Winnetka and Northfield.

Commissioner Jennings asked if the trim would be wood on the wall sign. Mr. Bates indicated that it will be identical to what is there now. There is a plastic piece that fits in which is black background with yellow lettering and is all illuminated to show through as yellow.

Commissioner Leonard expressed her approval of the plan and thought that even though the pillars are close to the building, they have made it work well and is very aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Bates said the pilasters will have a beam across the top to make it look like it's resting on the pilasters.

Commissioner Page asked if the sign would be lit and what else would be added. Mr. Bates indicated that the rest of the façade will look the same as the other storefronts and they are only adding a new front door. He said the glass will remain, but all of the aluminum will be framed in wood painted with Benjamin Moore Wrought Iron (charcoal gray) on the inside and outside. The new door will be made to look distressed.

Commissioner Hirsch asked if additional lighting would be used such as goosenecks. Mr. Bates indicated only back lighting will be used, although large panels will be hanging from the ceiling on the interior with pictures mounted on them which will be illuminated with interior lighting.

The planter boxes were then questioned by Commissioner Jennings. Mr. Bates said the boxes will be made from the same material and painted the same color as the framing around the windows.

Commissioner Karr asked when they plan to open. Mr. Bates said they would like to move in during October, but October through December is a very busy time of the year, so they probably will wait until the first of the year. Meanwhile, the exterior and interior work will be going on.

Commissioner Hirsch questioned if all the tenants have illuminated sign boxes. Mr. Bates confirmed that they do, except Three Tarts which is a little different. Commissioner Hirsch said that he liked the sign being a little different to break things up.

Mr. Bates felt that he has been welcomed in Northfield and have found working with everyone in Northfield to be a nice experience.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Commissioner Page, Seconded by Commissioner Hirsch to approve the proposed façade and sign changes as submitted.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

Chairperson Pat Karr

Juergen Fuss

Steve Page

Steve Hirsch

Tom Jennings

Patricia Leonard

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS: 1822 Willow Road – Discuss the proposed Dominick’s up lighting and landscape islands.

John Heidt and Steve Gorski were present for Dominick’s. Mr. Heidt indicated that they are now proposing 14 up lights to trees in the parking lot islands. The lights will be flush mounted with 35 watt fixtures. He indicated colored cut sheets are provided. He said the lights will be a low impact. The existing landscaping, he explained, was in disrepair due to construction and other factors. Any dying trees will be replaced and they plan to re-landscape existing areas by mulching and replanting in some areas. The plantings in the islands will include materials from the sign planting area. The area around the outside seating will be cleaned up and re-mulched also.

Chairperson Karr explained that past history has shown that the landscaping had not been taken care of and asked if this would be the case now, or if they had a maintenance plan. Mr. Gorski acknowledged the lack of upkeep and indicated that they will try to keep on top of it.

Commissioner Page asked exactly where the up lighting would be located. Mr. Heidt showed the Commission where on the islands they are situated. He said there will be 14 lights shining up the trees with a low voltage light. Commissioner Page questioned how this would work with the other lights in the parking lot. Mr. Heidt felt that during the spring and summer it would work best, but the effect should not be lost. Commissioner

Hirsch asked if the lights would be on all night and was told by Mr. Gorski that they probably would be on all night.

Commissioner Jennings asked if there were any collection areas for carts. Mr. Gorski said they don't know where they will go yet, but that there should be about 8 cart returns.

Commissioner Jennings then questioned how far their landscaping is from the property line on the east side. Mr. Heidt indicated about 2 feet from the property line, but not on the utility easement or UP or ComEd right of way.

Commissioner Jennings then asked when they plan to open. Opening day is Friday at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Gorski said that the residents should be very pleased with the new features of the store and that it is tailored to the new prototype stores.

Mr. Gorski wanted to thank the staff and everyone at the Village for their help during this process.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Commissioner Leonard, Seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the up lighting and landscape islands as submitted.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

Chairperson Pat Karr

Juergen Fuss

Steve Page

Steve Hirsch

Tom Jennings

Patricia Leonard

Motion Carried

Linnea O'Neill introduced soon to be sworn in Architectural Commission member, Jason Felicione, to the other commission members.

There being no further issues to discuss upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Hirsch, seconded by Commissioner Jennings and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

HGM 9/9/08

Approved 10/14/08