

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2012**

Present: Co-Chairman Rodney Morrison, Member Paul Fredricks, Member Stephen Zacharzuk & Member Mark Miranda

Absent: Chairman Everett Pearsall & Secretary Lara Hart

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***Co-Chairman Morrison opened the June 14, 2012 Planning Board Meeting at 7:00pm.***

Co-Chairman Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2012 Planning Board Meeting. Member Zacharzuk seconded. All in favor.

**Agenda #1. – The Red Hook Emporium presented by Mitchell Bodian**

Mitchell Bodian was present to formalize an existing condition. There had been a sign for the paint factory and for WKZE. Mr. Bodian did not realize that they had to get permission from the Planning Board to replace the sign, which is a bit smaller than the previous one.

Co-Chairman Morrison questioned the other members of the Board as to where they had left off with this application. Mr. Bodian stated that they had submitted a site plan for the new sign down the street, which was the metal hanging sign by the sidewalk. There was a violation because the new sign had never been approved by the Planning Board.

Co-Chairman Morrison asked if the sign was brand new, or was it there and now you are resurfacing it. Mr. Bodian advised that it was the sign that was there, except it has been cut a little to reflect a rectangular sign. A non-linear tip was the result. Member Fredricks asked if this is the sign that was in the street and not the sign he is coming in with now. Mr. Bodian said that the piece of metal that the sign is on is actually the same piece of metal that said Red Hook Paint Factory. Member Zacharzuk stated that the other sign was approved on the condition that this be corrected. Mr. Bodian stated that was correct.

Co-Chairman Morrison read the attached letter from Sam Harkins - Application of Mitchell Bodian for the façade sign of 40 square feet is allowed in the NMU District as per Section 200-38 A (f). As a result, Co-Chairman Morrison stated that Mr. Bodian is in compliance. Co-Chairman Morrison asked Mr. Bodian what the colors of his sign are. Mr. Bodian stated that they are muted colors – light background. He believes it is black lettering on a light background. Member Fredricks thought the lettering was dark Maroon, Mr. Bodian said no, it could have been the previous paint store signage.

***Member Zacharzuk made a motion to accept the sign of 40 square foot meeting Code. Co-Chairman Morrison seconded. All in favor.***

Agenda #2. – Getty Station presented by NW Sign Industries

Owner, Yasin Syed, present with representative.

Gentleman representing Yasin Syed spoke stating that they are proposing the larger one of the two signs prepared by NW Signs. Co-Chairman Morrison noticed two sheets stapled together which looked the same to him – asked if there were any differences.

Gentleman stated that one is the LED price changers and the other is the older style with changeable copy letters. Member Fredricks questioned if the heights match on what is on the plans. Co-Chairman Morrison thinks that they do because he took a look at and happens to have the old one, and the old height is 16-0 from grade to top of the sign. Gentlemen said it was 16-9. Co-Chairman Morrison asked the gentleman to talk a little bit about the second one, even though his primary interest is the first one. Gentleman stated that the second one is the exact same sign but just with changeable copy letters, which is the older style, and that more of the gas stations are changing over to the LED's due to the fact of ease of use. Co-Chairman Morrison questioned if there is a mandatory height that the signs have to be off the ground – and that the letters have to be a certain height. Gentleman said he believes according to NYS Law that you have to have a gas display outside showing the prices. Co-Chairman Morrison stated that you do. Member Fredricks questioned about the LED light wondering if it was something that we could control what the light is. Gentleman stated that you can dim them down, they dim down automatically during the night. There is usually an automatic sensor on them and they dim during the night so they are not as bright. They brighten up during the day because of the sun. Member Fredricks inquired if they could be controlled if someone complained that they were too bright. Gentleman stated that you could dim it via the software. Member Fredricks stated that in other words this is the advantage over the fluorescent. Gentleman stated exactly. Co-Chairman Morrison stated that in either case the old, historic, but not really historic telephone goes away correct. Yasin Syed said the telephone is not existing anymore. Member Fredricks asked if it was taken away. Yasin said He cannot remove it, but it is not being used, but that the post is still there.

Co-Chairman Morrison asked the Board for comment. Member Miranda wanted to show item on page 3 and page 4. Co-Chairman Morrison thinks it is the difference – one showing the LED and one showing the old style. Both agreed they were showing the five foot height. Co-Chairman Morrison confirmed that the primary interest is the other one. Co-Chairman asked Member Fredricks for his input. Member Fredricks feels that it is the same as the old Getty. May have a problem seeing it coming from the north side of town because of the trees and the Post Office. Co-Chairman Morrison stated that also on the monument sign you may have a problem with snow and it may actually be more of an impairment to a

vehicle coming in from the north side. Member Fredricks stated that with at least you have a lot of space to look underneath. Yasin stated that in the winter time the sign would be covered with snow. Co-Chairman Morrison stated the Board had quite a conversation going on about the LEDs and it seemed like everybody was all good with it. Member Fredricks likes that the lights can be dimmed if there are complaints. Yasin stated that if you take a look the older sign it was actually brighter at night. The LEDs will not be as bright at night. Member Zacharzuk asked if the Sunoco sign has LEDs also. Gentleman believes that it will be fluorescent, but does not have a bright white background – has a blue that mutes it a little, with only a little white border around the edge. Member Miranda knows that the Board asked for the goal post and that was done. Co-Chairman Morrison really appreciates the change in the sign. Co-Chairman Morrison is very happy with the twin posts and the LED – Board agreed.

***Member Zacharzuk made a motion to accept the signage for NW Signs for Sunoco, page 3 - option B. Member Fredricks seconded. All in favor.***

Agenda #3. – Universal Builders Supply

Mr. Donovan not present. Item moved to end of Agenda.

Agenda #4. – Bard College represented by Charles Simmons

Mr. Simmons introduced himself to the Board. He is the Director of Facilities and is representing Bard College. They were before the Board in February for approval of the pictured sign in his package, but was asking for approval of a green background, but are not in front of this Board for approval of a white background to match their (Bard's (advertising, handouts, etc. Mr. Simmons is back before the Board to get acceptance of the new proposed sign as presented "Bard MAT Program – Master at Teaching Program". Co-Chairman Morrison indicated that this is to match their brochures and letterhead. Mr. Simmons concurred. Member Fredricks inquired as to the reason for taking out this one. Mr. Simmons stated because of the 911 address is on the glass façade of the structure. He indicated that on the last page is the square footage. Co-Chairman Morrison stated that it appears to be well under what is allowed.

Co-Chairman Morrison asked the Board for any comment. Board has no comment.

***Member Fredricks made a motion to approve the sign application as submitted by Charles Simmons for Bard College. Member Zacharzuk seconded. All in favor.***

Other Business

Co-Chairman Morrison brings the Board's attention to a letter that was delivered today, dated June 14, 2012, from Marie Welch regarding David Cohen Lot Line Alteration. Co-Chairman advised that It references a subdivision which the Board gave an approval to back in August, 2011 for conditional approval. Co-Chairman Morrison went on to read the letter for the record. Member Fredricks inquired as to how many extensions the Board is allowed to give this. Member Fredricks asked how many extensions were we allowed to give them. Co-Chairman Morrison advised that, by State Law, an applicant does get to have two (90) day extensions, but that this has already expired. Ms. Welch is asking our Board to create a retroactive approval for an extension of this lot line. Co-Chairman Morrison states that this is something the Board cannot do. This Law has been this way for a long time and we cannot do what is being requested and that Ms. Welch must come back in and re-apply. Co-Chairman Morrison advised that it is always the applicant's responsibility to take care of their timeframes, and that it is never the Board's responsibility to notify them. Co-Chairman will have a letter drafted to this effect.

Co-Chairman Morrison next brings to the Board's attention the site plan application of Jacque Donovan (Universal Builders Supply) and that the application – proposed use - commercial covered storage/shed. Member Fredricks did not understand from the map what the applicant is doing. Co-Chairman Morrison thinks that applicants need to come in and explain his application. Board agrees.

***Member Fredricks made a motion to table the site plan application for Jacque Donovan for Universal Builders Supply. Member Zacharzuk seconded. All in favor.***

***Member Zacharzuk made a motion to adjourn the June 14, 2012 Planning Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fredricks. All in favor.***

Submitted by,

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