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LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE 26 OLD POST ROAD JUNE 16, 2010 PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Board members present:

Robert Mastrantoni – Chairperson, Patricia Dow, Dan Garay, Patty Kirkpatrick, Chuck Luke.

Board member absent:

Others present:

Carol Sullivan (Secretary), Dan Brown (architectural consultant to the Board), Russ Giroir, Sunny Chawla, Gurdip Chawla.

Robert Mastrantoni opened the meeting at 7 PM.

TAX MAP: 251.18-3-57

APPLICANT: CHAWLA – TASTE OF INDIA – 204 CANADA ST.

(Located ground level, lakeside at the Village Mall).

ZONE: CR

SIGN APPLICATION: #1041

- Currently has a banner hanging however, the banner permit has expired. The banner represented a wall sign on the front of the building (lakeside). Applicant is replacing the banner with a small freestanding sign. New sign will be 60 inches x 24 inches (5 ft x 2 ft - 10 square ft.). Code allows 50 sq ft for freestanding signs. This is acceptable. The height - from ground to the top of the sign = 6 ft. Height allowed by code = 25ft.
- Sunny Chawla represented this business this evening.
- Dan Brown noted that the rendition provided was out of scale. The picture, shows the steps as roughly 6 inches high. The sign is forward of the top stair. If the sign itself is 2 feet high then the image should be twice the size shown.
- The board discussed the size, i.e 5 feet wide by 2 feet and the fact that the width seemed pretty wide for one post. Sunny mentioned the sign will be two faced with the pole in the middle. Sunny indicated they were trying to use the same dimension as the Hawaiian Ice sign. The board suggested using two posts so as to stabilize the sign since it will be 5 feet wide. Sunny indicated he could use two posts. Chuck suggested putting the posts 3 feet apart, leaving one foot on each side. Robert suggested having the posts go through the sign, so there is some of the post showing at the top and then adding an architectural design to the top of the posts to finish it off.
- The post will be mounted into the ground through the shrub.
- Patricia pointed out that this sign is larger than the Hawaiian Ice sign and if the idea is to coordinate the two signs perhaps it could be downsized. Sunny indicated he could downsize it a bit. He indicated it was proportionally to the size of the Taste of India property where as the Hawaiian Ice property is very small.
- Patty suggested downsizing the sign by 2 feet in the width and still using two posts. Sunny felt the sign would be too small at 3 feet wide. Robert suggested 4 feet with 2 posts and Sunny agreed. Robert mentioned that if one post is used then he felt the sign should be smaller. Sunny agreed to 4 feet with two posts.

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MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the Taste of India sign with the color as shown with the following modifications: The sign will be 4 feet wide x 2 feet high. It will be erected on two posts and the posts will be taller than the sign with appropriate finials on the top. The overall height will be 6 feet from ground level.

2ND MOTION: Patricia Dow

Robert Mastrantoni	Patricia Dow	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

TAX MAP: 251.14-2-1

APPLICANT: RUSS GIROIR – LAKE GEORGE TRADING COMPANY – 325 CANADA ST.

ZONE: CMU

SIGN APPLICATION: #1042

- Applicant is replacing the current sign. Sign is 25 square feet. Existing lighting will remain in place – one canister light on each side of the sign.
- Russ Giroir represented the Lake George Trading Company this evening.
- Russ indicated they were actually using the same sign. It will be vinyl wrapped and the company logo will be changed and will appear in the middle as it does with the current sign.

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the sign for the Lake George Trading Company as presented.

2ND MOTION: Patricia Dow

Robert Mastrantoni	Patricia Dow	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Russ asked the Planning Board if it would be acceptable to change the accent color on the building. Currently it is “faded peach”. He indicated he has repainted the building and would like the trim similar to the red trim on the Cholakis building. He provided the board with samples and pointed out a color as his first choice. The board agreed the change was acceptable.

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Dan Brown pointed out his name did not appear in the “other” attendees section and should have.

MOTION: Patty Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the minutes with the change mentioned.

2ND MOTION: Dan Garay

Robert Mastrantoni	Dan Garay	Patty Kirkpatrick	Chuck Luke
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

OTHER BUSINESS

Patty mentioned the meeting that was held yesterday regarding public comment for upgrading the west side of Canada St. Patty indicated “since it’s our Master Plan and our vision to upgrade Lake George Village” she was wondering if the Planning Board, as a whole, should address this to the Mayor by stating that the Planning Board would like to see this happen. Robert stated he believes this has always been a part of the Master Plan and they have always been in favor of it. Robert polled the board by asking – “are we in favor of redoing the west side of Canada St.”. Patty asked if the Planning Board

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should officially present something. Robert indicated he didn't feel the Planning Board needed to and that at yesterday's meeting there was a consensus that everyone is in favor of redoing the West side of Canada St. Patty pointed out the project hasn't been voted on yet. Robert mentioned that he is not in favor of removing healthy trees and Patty agreed. Patty felt that it should be mentioned – while the original plans call for the removal of all trees it's our belief...it's our Master Plan. Patty feels that the Planning board as "a body" should make a statement about the trees. Robert polled the board asking how they felt about the Planning Board's involvement. He added he believes the public spoke at yesterday's meeting indicating they wanted to see a change in the sidewalks but didn't go as far as addressing the trees.

Patty – keep the trees.

Dan – keep the trees.

Patricia – keep the healthy trees and ensure the new construction will not damage them.

Chuck – abstain. Not enough knowledge of the project.

Robert – keep the healthy trees and ensure the new construction will not damage them.

Dan Brown pointed out that on the plans only 4 trees are noted to be removed which is about 5 to 8% of all shown. Robert pointed out the plans are about 11 years old and there are now more mature trees.

Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dan and unanimously carried.

Aye – 5 Nay - 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

June 30, 2010

Carol Sullivan