

**Borough of Merchantville  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** July 3, 2018

**Meeting Time:** 7:30 PM

**Meeting Location:** Borough Hall

**Members:** Lynn North , Rita Lammey, Marie Hanna, Maureen McLoone, Shawn Waldron (absent).

**Counselor:** Mark Asselta

**Community Development Director:** Mara W. Wuebker

**Borough Council Representative:** Andrew McLoone

**Opening:** Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and publicly read the Notice of the Meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Commission joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken. Those absent are noted above.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes, from May 1, 2018, was made by Marie Hanna, seconded by Lynn North, passed unanimously. There was one abstention.

Two **Certificates of Appropriateness:** Charlie's Crepes and Aroma Bistro.

**Confirmation of Applications before the Commission:**

There are three applications.

**New Business:**

**Application: 1807-1**

**Applicant Name:** Marie Talour

**Property Location:** 223 N. Centre St.

**Name of Property or Business:** Reach Home Care

**Proposed work:** Signage

Applicant presented plan to add the same vinyl-letter/ decal window display to both of the 5'6" square picture windows on the front facade. One window is clear and the other has black background. Sign ordinance permits 13.5 sq. ft. One window and one door sign are allowable. Applicant inquired as to why both windows could not have signs.

Discussion followed and pleasing alternative formats were reviewed. Option one would consist of 6" to 8" white letters on a clear band across the bottom corridor of the windows. Option two would have the applicant's design in just the one window. In addition, the applicant could consider a banner flag, A-Frame sign or overhead sign with the landlady's permission. Current non-allowable signs will be removed.

**Public Comment:** Marie Hanna moved to open to the public, Maureen McLoone seconded. Albert Segrest asked where the building was located. Rita Lammey moved to close to the public, Marie Hanna seconded.

**Motion:** Maureen McLoone moved to approve the application, as revised pursuant to application hearing. Rita Lammey seconded, passed unanimously.

**Application: 1807-2**

**Applicant Name:** Halil Gungor

**Property Location:** 2 S. Centre St.

**Name of Property or Business:** Blue Monkey Tavern

**Proposed work:** Awnings

Current fabric on the awnings of the Historic Pancoast & Collins building are worn, faded and torn. The frames are not secure. Replacement awnings are a double stripe pattern in black and camel. Sample swatch presented. New secure frames will be incorporated. There will be 4 awnings on the Chestnut Avenue side and 3 replacements on the Rite Aid side.

**Public Comment:** Rita Lammey moved to open to the public, Maureen McLoone seconded. There were no comments. Rita Lammey moved to close to the public, Maureen McLoone seconded.

**Motion:** Marie Hanna moved to approve, as presented, Rita Lammey seconded, passed unanimously.

**Application: 1807-3**

**Applicant Name:** Lien Phan & Ngoc Nguyen

**Property Location:** 22 S, Centre St.

**Name of Property or Business:** Former Wirth Florist

**Proposed work:** Green House Demolition

Applicant is requesting to remove the former Wirth Florist green house (592 sq. ft.). It is a metal and glass configuration. This property is currently vacant. The rear extension is not used and the expense to repair the ongoing glass breakage is mounting. As the Commission is sensitive to historic structures, we earnestly review any structure being targeted for demolition. Required notice of the proposed removal must be served to those within 200 ft.. Since this had not occurred with regards to this application, tonight's activity took the form of an informal discussion. Procedural steps were summarized and the applicant could proceed to accomplish the task and be scheduled on the August agenda. This would involve having the notice in the newspapers 10 days prior to the August meeting. The Merchantville Historical Society noted that the Wirth Florist was a long-time downtown anchor merchant but the condition of the greenhouse was deemed not worth keeping.

**Public Comment:** Rita Lammey moved to open to the public, Marie Hanna seconded. There were no comments. Rita Lammey moved to close to the public, Marie Hanna seconded.

**Board Discussion:**

Albert Segrest – 2 East Maple Avenue – Deemed to be a property in the B-1 district, the Commission has jurisdiction. Mark Asselta composed a cover letter and attached the Standards for Review by the Historic Preservation Commission. It was mailed to Mr. Segrest. This will guide him in his quest to obtain approval for the roof work that may be undertaken on his property. Historical Society photos that pertain to the building will be passed onto Mr. Segrest.

Recycling – An informal canvas was taken to secure the Commission’s stance on the proposed recycle cans. All agreed to the selection. Council is going forward. Ten will be ordered. One will be placed at the Community Center.

Alternates – Two new members appointed. Nathan Weiner and Regina Lovelidge

Ordinance conflicts – 1) Custom Travel to remove full window poster. Windows are being overused. 2) Mara has talked to Kevin about flashing neon lights at the Merchantville Sweet Shop.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn was made by Maureen McLoone, seconded by Rita Lammey, passed unanimously at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen A. McLoone, Secy.