



MEMORANDUM

TO: HARB MEMBERS
FROM: AMY WOLDT JOHNSON
DATE: MARCH 17, 2015
SUBJECT: MARCH 17, 2015 MEETING AGENDA

The scheduled meeting of the Reading Historical Architectural Review Board will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at **6:30p.m. in the Penn Room**, first floor, City Hall.

AGENDA

- 6:30 p.m.** Call to order. Welcome of new Member, Sean DeVine.
- 6:35 p.m. ITEM #1** **736 N. 3rd St.**
Kelley S. Elmore, Owner
Composite Index Rating: 74
Review proposal for the replacement of existing straight-edged slate shingles with architectural asphalt shingles at the main roof (Violation, work has been completed).
- 6:50 p.m. ITEM #2** **624 Laurel St.**
Laura Zapata, Owner
Composite Index Rating: 42
Review proposal for the installation of a double sided 4' x 4' projecting sign to read "Laurel" in white letters on a red oval background, "MINI MARKET LLC." in red on a white background, "SPANISH FOOD, HOT & COLD SANDWICHES, ATM, PAYMENT CENTER-WE ACCEPT WIC & FOOD STAMPS" in white letters on a black background, and "610-373-5063" in black letters on a white background, with logo, to be installed at the northern façade of the building.



- 7:05 p.m. ITEM #3** **523 Windsor St.**
Norma & Keith Whitfield, Owners
Composite Index Rating: 72
Review proposal for the installation of a vertical platform lift at the first floor front porch area to include the removal of the existing wrought iron railing and the installation of a steel railing and gate as per the submitted drawing, and the construction of a small ramp and platform on the first floor front porch in order to transition from the lift to the first floor front entrance.
- 7:20 p.m. ITEM #4** **25 N. 11th St.**
City of Reading, Owner
Composite Index Rating: 100
Review proposal for the installation of a 6' high steel ornamental fence to surround existing AC condenser units at the rear of the building. The fence is to be painted green to match existing wrought iron fencing located at the rear of the building.
- 7:35 p.m. ITEM #5** **34 S. 5th St.**
Cesar Abreu, Owner
Composite Index Rating: 84
Review proposal for the reconstruction of the collapsed front façade to include the re-installation of brick masonry and six wood windows to be 9 over 9 in configuration.
- 7:50 p.m. ITEM #6** **606 N. 5th St.**
Swanona, LLC, Owner
Composite Index Rating: 128
Review proposal for the construction of a steel or wood handicap accessible ramp at the rear of the building.
- 8:05 p.m. ITEM #7** **1034 Penn St.**
Patrick Watt, Owner
Composite Index Rating: 52
Review proposal for the installation of a 29 ¾" high x 149 ¾" wide wall mounted sign to read "Cherry's Jamaican Delight" in green letters and "Escape to the island for a tantalizing indulgence of Cherry's Jamaican dishes and pastries!" in black letters on a white background with a yellow border, to be installed above the first floor windows or at the canopy over the front entrance at the front façade; installation of an LED sign reading "OPEN" and including the hours of operation above the front entrance.

8:20 p.m. ITEM #8

15 S. 4th St.

Mary Rodriguez, Owner

Composite Index Rating: 78

Review proposal for the installation of a ductless mini split heating and air conditioning condenser unit condenser at the northern end of the first floor front façade adjacent to the existing dumpster.

8:35 p.m. ITEM #9

Review applications approved by staff:

- a. 113 N. 5th St., Sean Moretti, Owner
Replacement of existing internally illuminated projecting box sign faces at the front façade of the building.
- b. 6 N. 11th St., Maribel DeLarosa, Owner
Installation of a 24" x 44" sidewalk sign.

8:40 p.m.

Other Business

- Preservation Officer's Report on Action Items:
 - 732 Madison Ave. – Court Hearing scheduled for March 30, 2015.
 - 1024 N.4th St. – Complaint to PMI for weeds and deterioration of porch structure.
 - 612 Franklin St. – Emergency removal of stucco complete – reapplication of stucco not complete. Staff to discuss issue with building inspector and Law Office.
 - 521 Oley St. – Roof replacement done incorrectly. Staff made site visit but must still contact the owner and roofing contractor, finial is missing.
 - 108 S. 6th St. – Vinyl window installed incorrectly in the bay window at the southern façade. Staff to meet with owner.
 - 132 S. 5th St. – Panel to be painted black at the bottom of the first floor storefront window as per Resolution 04-14.
 - 621 N. 5th St. – Installation of asphalt shingles not done according to Resolution 10-14. Staff to investigate.
 - 500 Penn St. – Signage not installed as per HARB Resolution 38-14. Violation letter sent.
 - 234 N. 5th St. – Signage not installed as per HARB Resolution 08-14. Violation letter sent.
 - 128 N. 5th St. – Staff to investigate installed signage.
 - 523 Oley St. – Wood replacement at third floor dormer surround. Staff to send violation letter.
 - 1031 Madison Ave. - Appeal to City council.

- 253 N. 5th St. – Demolition By Neglect, Property Maintenance Violation.
- Board members report on July, 2014 approved HARB resolutions.
- Distribution of August, 2014 HARB Resolutions for review by HARB members.
- Status of Historic District Identification Sign Project.
- Status of promotional publications for Real Estate Weekly and Home Builders Association.
- Spring Retreat.
- Historic Preservation Month.
- Formation of the Education and Outreach Committee and Policy Committee.
- Resignation of HARB Member.

9:15 p.m.

Adjournment

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