

**CUBA VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2013**

PRESENT: Chairman Mansel Wells, Ellen Scott, and John Hupp. Connie Doyle and Sue Hillman were excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Katie Morris, Village Trustee Lon Sweet, Terry Moot, and Doug Rettig.

Chairperson Mansel Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting were reviewed. **A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ellen Scott, seconded by John Hupp and carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS: Searles building renovation was on the agenda however there was no application to go by so nothing was discussed. Anne Brungard sent an email about displaying signs in the Village however, no application was received and therefore nothing was discussed.

Terry Moot represented the old Story Block Building. He wanted to discuss the painting of the outside façade as well as discuss the new stairs being changed/added. The Planning Board informed Terry that he would need to contact Code Enforcement Officer Walt Putt on the steps, handrails, and sidewalk as the Planning Board does not deal with this. An application was given to Terry to get him started. Terry did however inform the Planning Board of his decision on painting the façade. He did say he is not in love with the colors but his reasoning for choosing them was due to the prepping and scraping before painting. It revealed the original colors that was on the building (guessing in the 1940s) and did want to keep the building historic. There vision is to bring back the 50's look, using the colors found while stripping the paint; white, black, and gold. The cast-iron pilasters would be enhanced with black paint contrasting with the white woodwork. The acanthus leaves on the ornaments and pilasters would be painted aged-gold. The Planning Board again informed Terry they don't approve colors but did say the colors are reasonable. The Planning Board did thank Terry for all his work and dedication he is putting into the building.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a lengthy discussion about the survey on sign regulations. The Planning Board would like to propose to the Village Board the following recommendations regarding sign regulations:

- We propose that 200-71 D. and 200-74.1 D. be worded the same as 200-70 G. We also propose that allowances for Hanging/Projecting signs be included in our regulations. Consider the following:
 1. Hanging/Projecting signs may not:

- a. Project lower than 8' from ground level
- b. Prevent free egress to, or egress from, any door, window, or fire escape.
- c. Block the sight line to another business' sign.
- d. Be supported by a wooden building or wooden framework or secured with wire, strips of wood or nails. The sign support must be constructed and anchored to meet the requirements and inspection of the Village Code Inspector.

In addition, it was recommended sign materials include hardwood and metal (brass, bronze, aluminum, and stainless steel).

- Murals (or signs painted on buildings) - Presently, we have no references to murals in our codebook. We feel that murals should be addressed as follows:
 1. The Planning Board shall approve all murals or signs painted on buildings, which are observable from public thoroughfares.
 2. Recommended materials are ceramic tile or 20 year paint.
 3. The contents of the images or text should add to the enrichment of Cuba's residents and guests.
 4. Murals or signs painted on buildings must be kept in good repair or painted over.
- Also, we should add the following regulation under article XII 200-70:

No sign shall contain indecent, pornographic, or defamatory language that maligns or belittles, any of the following, but not limited to- a person, product, institution, practice or belief.

In addition, the Planning Board is not recommending section 200-70 (F) be changed, however, the Board may act on that on their own discretion after given a copy of the survey results for their own considerations.

A motion was made by Ellen Scott to recommend to the Village Board the three considerations as discussed regarding sign regulations in the Village, seconded by John Hupp and passed unanimously.

The Planning Board did consider the Village Board to also look at section 200-81 regarding fines.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by John Hupp, seconded by Ellen Scott and passed unanimously to adjourn this Planning Board Meeting.

TIME 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Morris
Deputy Clerk