

Village of Tivoli
Planning Board Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2010
Minutes

Attendees:

Board Members

Robert Roff
Peter Sweeney, Chair
Leigh Palmer
Harry Colgan

Others

Tom Cordier, Mayor
Susan Ezrati, Village Bd
David Weiss, Applicant

Absent

Dominic Scarpulla
Gary DiMauro
Gabrielle Green, Recording Secretary

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:03 pm and determined that a quorum of Planning Board members was present. He noted that the minutes of the prior meeting were not available to be reviewed and approved and requested that these be provided at the subsequent meeting of the Board. Noting the absence of the planning board recording secretary, Peter asked Trustee Ezrati if she would record the proceedings. Trustee Ezrati agreed to serve the Board in that capacity.

Chairman Sweeney then presented a site plan amendment application for the Santa Fe Restaurant, located at the southeast corner of Broadway and Montgomery Streets in the Village of Tivoli to the Board for their consideration and review. He noted that David Weiss, the applicant before the Board, had obtained a building permit and had applied for an amendment to the existing site plan for his building. The application requests that the Board allow the attachment of an awning – which will be used seasonally – and movement of the existing sign to a place that will allow the awning to be attached.

The Board considered the following issues with respect to the site plan request:

1. Does the location of the awning block the vision of vehicles approaching the Montgomery St and Broadway intersection from either the East or the South. The Board concluded that because the awning would be placed over ten feet above the street level, it would not create any obstruction to visual safety for drivers or pedestrians at the intersection.
2. Is the awning suitable to the existing building given that it is in the historic district. David Weiss noted that the building had had an awning in prior years and that the design and structure of the proposed awning would be consistent with the look and character of those historic awnings.

The Board reviewed a computer generated image of the awning provided by the applicant. They asked where the awning would be attached to the building, where the sign would be affixed once the awning was in place, whether the awning would include additional signage. David Weiss noted that the awning would be affixed on the frieze below the cornice. It would be centered on the window. The sign would be mounted above the awning and aligned with the bottom (?) of the window.

Chair Sweeney further reviewed the site plan amendment application and noted that the computer-enhanced photo would become part of the permanent site plan file. Harry Colgan then

moved the acceptance of the amended site plan, which comprised of the addition of an awning and relocating of the existing sign. Leigh Palmer seconded the motion. Some discussion followed. The question was called and the voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to accept the amended site plan conditional on confirmation that all fees related to the site plan amendment had been paid.

The chair then called for further business. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Ezrati
Recording Secretary pro-tem