

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

Meeting Date: May 1, 2018
Meeting Time: 7:30 PM
Meeting Location: Borough Hall

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

Counselor: Mark Asselta

Community Development Director: Mara W. Wuebker

Borough Council Representative: Andrew McLoone (absent)

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 February 6, 2018, was made by Marie Hanna, Shawn Waldron seconded, passed unanimously.

Two **Certificates of Appropriateness** were presented to Mara.

Confirmation of Applications before the Commission:

There are two applications.

New Business:

Application: 1805-1

Applicant Name: Charles A. Koory

Property Location: 177 S. Centre St.

Name of Property or Business: Charlie's Crepes

Proposed work: Exterior painting, door installation and signage

Applicant is not represented by an attorney. The proposed work involves exterior painting, installation of front door and 3 signs. Exterior paint palette will embrace the color scheme of the Charlie's Crepes logo – brown, white, red and black. The brown trim will be Glidden BEHR spice royal latex house paint. Spice will be used around the windows and on the counter and will be replacing the former blue portion. Trellis work will be painted spice. In the apex of the facade, the fanned stick-style trim will be spice. There will be a red door. Store frontage is 20 ft. wide. This breaks down to a 3 ft. door allowance and 8 1/2 ft. on either side. The main 4 ft. round icon sign will be building mounted over the doorway, on the fish-scale section. The 16 sq. ft. is well within the 24 sq. ft. permitted. Sign is a light PVC material. Placement of the other 2 signs will be in the extreme lower section of the two wide windows in a banner heading style. Black

vinyl letters will be 6 inches running along the 1 ft. white strip. 'Keep Calm' and 'Eat Crepes' are the two slogans to be used. Tiles on building's sides will remain the same.

Public Comment: Marie Hanna moved to open to the public, Shawn Waldron seconded. There were no comments. Marie Hanna moved to close to the public, Shawn Waldron seconded.

Motion: Shawn Waldron moved to approve the application, as presented and restyled, Marie Hanna seconded, passed unanimously.

Application: 1805-2

Applicant Name: Aditya Sirpal

Property Location: 43 S. Centre St.

Name of Property or Business: Aroma Indian Bistro

Proposed work: New awning installation

Applicant is requesting to install Sunbrella burgundy solid awning for sun-protection. No awning is currently affixed to building. The pipe frame awning with 10 inch valance will be positioned with top of awning attached to fascia above windows and doorway. White 6 inch letters on the flap will showcase "Authentic Indian Cuisine". At 15 sq. ft., this is within the 18 sq. ft. allowance permitted by the ordinance. The awning must comply to the 7 1/2 ft. clearance above the ground.

Public Comment: Marie Hanna moved to open to the public, Maureen McLoone seconded. Albert Segrest, Jr. sought the name of the awning vendor. Marie Hanna moved to close to the public, Maureen McLoone seconded.

Motion: Shawn Waldron moved to approve the addition of awning as presented and modified, Marie Hanna seconded, passed unanimously.

Board Discussion:

Albert Segrest, Jr. appeared informally before the Commission with a request for procedural guidance. As a result of a fire, the building on the northeast corner of Centre St. and Maple Ave. warrants restoration. The mansard roof is in need of repair. Attention would be focused on the clay tiles and underneath corbels. This would require specialized work. The insurance company is supporting a "patch it" approach. The Commission strongly urges that this significant building be restored true to its character. If the insurance company came before us, we could present the regulations which are applicable to this preservation project. Avenues could then be explored to enable the appearance of the building to remain intact at a manageable cost. Escrow would be established for Mark Asselta's services. Mark will review and let Mr. Segrest know recommended procedures.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn was made by Marie Hanna, seconded by Shawn Waldron, passed unanimously at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen A. McLoone, Secy.