

November 17, 2009

TUCKAHOE SIGN AND AWNING BOARD
TUCKAHOE VILLAGE HALL – 2:30 pm

Present: Chairperson Ann Marie Ciaramella
Member Nicole Pushkal
Member Barbara Nieminen

Also in Attendance: Bill Williams Building Inspector
Michael Seminara Code Enforcement Office

- Item #1 Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2009**
Item #2 1 Scarsdale Road Temp. Banner
Item #3 4 Columbus Avenue Return
Item #4 4 Fisher Avenue TV Monitor
Item #5 29 Columbus Avenue Adjourned

Item #1 Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2009

A motion by Member Pushkal to approve the minutes of October 20, 2009 meeting was second by Member Nieminen and unanimously carried by the Board with a vote of 3-0.

Item #2 1 Scarsdale Road Temporary Banner

Neil Ritter, Vice President of Classic Realty and on the Board of Managers of the Rivervue Condominium presented an application to extend the temporary banner permit. Mr. Ritter said that approximately 53% of the Condo's have been sold. The Banner is critical to the sale of Condos. The present banner is still in good condition and would remain up. Member Pushkal asked if the sign will come down once the Condo's are all sold. Mr. Ritter replied that they would take it down but possibly think of placing a permanent sign because it identifies the building, but that is a decision the Board needs to make. Chairwoman Ciaramella noted that any exterior changes involve addressing requirements of the historic site folks. Mr. Williams noted the windows were an issue of this group when first renovations took place. Mr. Ritter said this would be noted.

A motion was made to accept the application as submitted for 1 Scarsdale Road, to extend the permit for one year by Member Pushkal seconded by Member Nieminen and unanimously carried by the board with a vote of 3-0.

Item #3 4 Columbus Avenue Return

Laurie Chan and Tay Chan, owners of Foo Chow Restaurant were present. Chairwoman Ciaramella asked if they had thought about or come up with anything different since last month. Ms. Chan said that they want to preserve the sign. Chairwoman Ciaramella advised them again of the 3 big serious issues with the

sign: 1) 4 different colors, code allows for 2 colors; 2) description, the code does not allow unless the name does not identify the business; and 3) box lit signs are not allowed. Laurie again expressed that they want to preserve the sign. She said that the business is built around the sign, and that it makes a statement that they are still the same original owners. She also said that the lighting in the mall is not significantly bright. Ms. Chan also mentioned that "Chinese Restaurant" on the sign is important because people may not know that Foo Chow is Chinese, it could be Japanese or Korean. Member Nieminen added that granting them the right to keep the sign will or will not snowball to the rest of the Village. She also said that the difference with this is that the area is dark after hours and that the sign gives it some light. Member Nieminen suggested possibly giving a one year extension and seeing what happens. During this time they can think it over.

A motion was made by Member Pushkal to approve the application with a condition for a temporary permit for only one year and then they would have to reapply, second by Member Nieminen and approved with a majority vote of 2-1 with Chairwoman Ciaramella voting "nay". Chairwoman Ciaramella wanted to note that we have codes that have stipulations in terms of color, description, etc. This should be noted and considered when they return.

Item #4 4 Fisher Avenue

TV Monitor

Victor Pali, owner of VIP, submitted an application to place a flat screen TV monitor in the window measuring 42 inches. A brief explanation was given regarding a TV monitor sign. The TV monitor will display sales of the week, items available in the store and upcoming events. Member Nieminen asked if the TV could be smaller in size. Mr. Pali said he already bought the TV and would like to use what he has. Also if it doesn't work out, he is willing to remove it. This is just to try something different for advertising. He also added if it causes any problems having it, he will remove it. The TV will only be on during business hours and turned off after hours.

A motion was made to accept the application for a temporary six month permit by Chairwoman Ciaramella, for this sign to be in the window. During that time, if there are any serious issues or concerns that come up, applicant agrees to remove the monitor. At the end of the six months, we hope to have a better idea of this type of sign. This is the first of its kind and we don't want to be a disservice to you but we also need to think of village as a whole. Seconded by Member Nieminen and unanimously carried by the board with a vote of 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on December 15th at 2:30pm.

There being no further comments from the public or business before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.