

MINUTES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMISSION
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 7:30 p.m.
South Barrington Village Hall
30 S. Barrington Rd., South Barrington, Illinois

Chairman Merci called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Village Clerk called roll:

Present: Chairman William Merci, Kent Collier, Michael McCombie,
Kornelia Niedzinski, Robert VanDeven

Absent: Pat Baldino, Ernest Stenstrop

A quorum was present. Also present were Village President Frank Munao and Village Engineer Mark Lattner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes of the ACC meeting on August 19, 2009 was made by Mike McCombie; seconded by Kent Collier.

By unanimous voice vote, the **motion carried.**

WILLOW CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Present for Willow Creek Church: Scott Troeger

Chairman Merci thanked the commissioners for submitting comments on the Mundhank Road sign. He summarized the comments and presented Mr. Troeger with a written copy of the full responses. The ACC was unanimously concerned about both the lighting on the Mundhank Road sign and the design of a similar sign for Algonquin Road. Chairman Merci noted that the ACC had compromised to allow the design in a more “industrial” area by the land fill, but did not think it appropriate for Algonquin Road. He asked if his summary was correct; the commissioners concurred.

Mr. Troeger asked the ACC for suggestions on the Algonquin Road sign.

Commissioners said that there was a lack of content on the proposed sign to match buildings or the neighborhood. Although the sign may incorporate aspects of the building’s interior, it does not match the visible architecture of the building. The consensus was that the proposed sign is a departure from the Village, and that it is a deviation from both the church and the community.

Mr. Troeger stated that the sign is consistent with Willow Creek’s design, stressing both progressive change and a contemporary feel. They want a sign consistent with who the church is and where they are going. He offered to change the colors to tie into the building, but noted that they do not want to go back to a cedar and brick monument. Further brief discussion ensued. The term “architecture” was debated on pertaining to exterior building and/or interior design. Chairman Merci noted that an applicant could appeal any decision made by the ACC.

MOTION to deny approval for Willow Creek entrance sign on Algonquin Road based as submitted with cover letter dated August 11, 2009, including Goss/Pasma elevation dated November 5, 2008 was made by Bob VanDeven; seconded by Nelli Niedzinski. Roll call was taken:

AYES: Collier, McCombie, Merci, Niedzinski, VanDeven

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Baldino, Stenstrop

Motion carried.

Chairman Merci noted that the ACC would welcome any new submission for a sign, based on the ACC comments and incorporating surrounding residential concerns. He also offered to find out information on the appeal process, if desired.

THE ARBORETUM OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

Present for The Arboretum: Samantha Duff

ACQUISITIONS ACCENTS – BUILDING F

Samantha Duff introduced Kevin and Heather Claes, owners of Acquisitions for the Home and Acquisitions Accents. Mr. Claes explained the purpose of the second store that would be a temporary location for Christmas accents. The new proposal has a bright red awning with their name, but there is no proposed building sign. In addition, the store window will be filled with Christmas trees and holiday lights. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Claes confirmed that the store is a temporary location, and all décor, including the awning will be removed in January 2010.

MOTION to grant approval based on submittal “STOREFRONT & SIGNAGE FINAL APPROVAL F-10 Acquisitions Accents September 16, 2009” (4 sheets) subject to

• **Removal of awning by January 2010**

was made by Mike McCombie; seconded by Kent Collier. Roll call was taken:

AYES: Collier, McCombie, Merci, Niedzinski, VanDeven

NAYS: (None)

ABSTAIN: (None)

ABSENT: Baldino, Stenstrop

Motion carried.

ACQUISITIONS FOR THE HOME – BUILDING L

Mr. Claes asked to address the ACC on their decision concerning his primary store. The ACC had disallowed the wording “Hand Craftsmanship” and “Exquisite Imperfection” on the awnings. Mr. Claes presented background on his business and explained why they think the words are appropriate and accent the business. He asked the ACC to reconsider letting them use a few words to explain to customers what they are doing.

The ACC explained the reason for the omission. The standards at The Arboretum are to protect all the retailers. Stores cannot advertise on their awnings, and several other stores have had similar requests denied.

THE LUCKY MONK RESTAURANT

Present for the Lucky Monk: Jeremy Samatas

Jeremy Samatas explained to the ACC that the former “The Brass” restaurant is re-designing to a brewery with pizza and burgers. He came to introduce himself to the commission and to see how the process for design approval works. The ACC offered to schedule an informal workshop to go over proposed signage, awnings, etc. The ACC

will find the original guidelines for the AMC properties, and also reminded Mr. Samatas that AMC itself may have other guidelines for the restaurant.

The restaurant is concerned about visibility from Barrington Road (several large trees block the view), and the ACC noted that the property might be AMC's common area, in which case, any changes need to be approved by AMC.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn was made by Mike McCombie and seconded by Bob VanDeven. By unanimous voice vote, **motion carried**, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

These minutes were approved this
_____ Day of _____, 2009.

Donna Wood, Village Clerk