

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
August 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Acting Chair Mike Kollman at 5:00 p.m. at 118 W. Cook Avenue.

Members present: Acting Chair Mike Kollman, Sarah Burger, Les Galo, Michael Haug, and Casey Rooney.

Members absent: Chairman James Hartshorne and Tom Flader.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff present: Christopher Sandine, Associate Planner.

Commissioner Galo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rooney, to approve the July 18, 2022, Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes, as written.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

**HPC 22-11 North Shore Sign Co., Authorized Agent for Karl Lutz.
107 E. Cook Avenue**

Request is for new signage.

Mr. Matt Laska, authorized agent for North Shore Sign Co., presented the proposed signage for 107 E. Cook Avenue. Mr. Laska stated the previous "Dance N' Tees" awning has been removed and the existing sign cabinet will be re-faced with a flat Lexan plastic face. Mr. Laska stated the black background will be opaque, so the only portion illuminated is the copy and the two roots logo. Mr. Laska stated the cabinet will be painted black, so it appears as one continuous sign.

Commissioner Galo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rooney, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for new signage at 107 E. Cook Avenue, in accordance with the plans submitted.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

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HPC 22-12 North Shore Sign Co., Authorized Agent for John and Diane Csiha.
426 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Request is for new signage.

Mr. Matt Laska, authorized agent for North Shore Sign Co., presented the proposed signage for 426 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Mr. Laska stated the existing sign will be re-faced. Mr. Laska stated the copy will be push-thru so there will be a halo-illumination effect and the background will be non-illuminated. Acting Chair Kollman confirmed the white background will be opaque. Mr. Laska stated the owner has requested a non-illuminated blade sign under the canopy. Mr. Laska provided the Commission with a rendering of the signage to confirm the location. Acting Chair Kollman questioned the height of the sign from the sidewalk. Mr. Laska stated it will be at least (8) feet from grade. Acting Chair Kollman questioned how far the sign will project from the building. Mr. Laska stated it will be about (3) to (5) feet from the building. Mr. Sandine stated the location is under the canopy of the existing building and does not appear to encroach over the public right-of-way. Acting Chair Kollman confirmed the blade sign will be for pedestrians.

Commissioner Galo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rooney, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for new signage at 426 N. Milwaukee Avenue, in accordance with the plans submitted.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

HPC 22-13 North Shore Sign Co., Authorized Agent for Eleven5 Lake LLC.
137 Lake Street

Request is for new signage.

Mr. Matt Laska, authorized agent for North Shore Sign Co., presented the proposed signage for 137 Lake Street. Mr. Laska stated the Commission reviewed this proposal a few months ago, but the client has changed their mind on the design. Mr. Laska stated this is still the same client, but the design has changed. Mr. Laska stated they will still use a portion of the existing Tommy's sign, but it will be cut down and re-faced. Mr. Laska stated it will also have two non-illuminated portions above and below the sign. Mr. Laska stated the sign will be relocated from under the balcony to above the front door of the tenant space. Mr. Laska stated there was another re-design of the Artist Alley sign on Milwaukee Avenue. Mr. Laska stated the design will fit within the ironwork and it will be non-illuminated. Mr. Laska stated it will be a flat panel with iron copy. Acting Chair Kollman confirmed the wall sign will not encroach onto the brick portion of the façade. Mr. Laska noted the landlord has signed off on the design.

Commissioner Rooney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Haug, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for new signage at 137 Lake Street, in accordance with the plans submitted.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Acting Chair Kollman reminded the Commission that the Village is requesting to have the Local Historic District certified through the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service to be eligible for federal tax incentives. Mr. Sandine stated the Village was contacted by the IL-SHPO regarding this issue and it appears that the application will not be able to move forward for certification since there is a satellite building included (Fould's Building). Mr. Sandine stated the IL-SHPO will work towards providing the Commission with written feedback and suggested that a portion of the Downtown Historic District be considered for National Historic District Designation. Mr. Sandine stated this type of designation would allow for property owners of contributing buildings to be potentially eligible for federal tax credits. Mr. Sandine stated the Fould's Building would need to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places to be eligible for federal tax incentives. Acting Chair Kollman stated more information is likely coming on this subject in the upcoming months.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Rooney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Galo, to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.