

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION

A meeting of the Appearance Review Commission was held Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at Alton City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Hentrich, Barbara Gearing, Mark Wuellner, Margaret Hopkins, Mike Doucleff and Debbie Schuneman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gen Gearing

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Kelley, 201 E. Broadway, PJ Jun for 819 Henry (Façade), Sam Shaw (Building Code Inspector) and Debbie Beck (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am.

Mark Wuellner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Debbie Schuneman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Kelly, for the Cracker Factory, 201 E. Broadway then took the floor to present his application. Kelly presented two sketches (proposed changes to the façade and the current façade) and two photographs of the building (one from 1865 and the other from 1905). He stated that the proposed façade change was moving the wood panel above each window down to the bottom of the windows and moving the windows up. Kelly stated that he has gone to several historical areas in Illinois and Missouri and this proposed change conforms more to circa 1900. He stated that he is going to use the original doors, currently they are 32", but to make them ADA compliant they will be reconditioned and made 36". The column between the two front doors will be a steel column, the door on the left will go to the upstairs apartments only and the door to the right will go to the commercial businesses. The steel column will be exposed, which was typical of the time that the building was constructed. He stated that the brick work along the bottom floor has been tuckpointed above the I beams. He stated that the downstairs windows do not match the upstairs windows, however, they would have wood trim with the trim being painted green to match the trim along the upstairs windows. Kelly stated that he will be keeping the other two sets of doors as is, as these doors are functional.

Barbara Gearing made a motion to approve the application as presented. Margaret Hopkins seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dawn Hentrich then signed the Certificate of Compliance to present to Mike Kelly, as he will then have to then present this application before the Historic Commission on July 21, 2015 and if they approve the application, then the building permit will be issued at that time.

Mike Doucleff then excused himself from the commission, so he could present the building application for 819 Henry St., Duke Bakery. Mike Doucleff and PJ Jun then took the floor. Doucleff presented several photographs, two of which were historical photographs, one from the early 1900's, when the building was owned by the Stobbs Brothers Grocery Store and the other from the 1950's when Mr. and Mrs. Doucleff bought the building and removed the overhang. Mike Doucleff then presented pictures of the current building and pointed out the proposed updates. Doucleff stated that the sign and the lettering will be replaced; however they would not be changing the designs or colors. The three lights at the bottom of the signs, facing up with be removed and three LED lights will be placed above the signs. He stated that the overhang on the porch is currently aluminum; this will be changed to a cellular PVC product, which gives the look of wood without being wood, is mold resistant and is paintable. The color will remain white. The recessed lights will be replaced with flood lights. The red quartz tile on the stoop will be replaced with a light gray tile with black grout. Doucleff stated that the outer paneling underneath the two front windows of the bakery will be replaced with a flat panel with 2 - 2 1'2' tall molding, cut in a pattern and painted red to match the lettering. The enclosed porch on the south side of the property has three windows and a door, which are going to have awnings attached over them. These awnings are to be rigid with scalloped edging. They are going to be red in color, to match the umbrellas and the lettering on the bakery. The second floor, on the south side of the building, will have what is known as an "eyebrow" awning placed across the top. This awning will also be red. The patio floor is made up of 8" x 8" bricks and will remain. These bricks are the original bricks from the sidewalk that ran in front of the bakery and the property directly south of the bakery. Doucleff stated that the bakery would be painted a light gray and the property to the south will remain white.

Debbie Schuneman then made the motion to accept the application as presented. Barbara Gearing seconded the motion. Mike Doucleff recused himself from the vote. Motion passed.

There being no old business meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debbie J. Beck