

ARB MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2008

The ARB held a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008 at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Castrovillari at 6:00 p.m. Roll called.

Members Present: Frank Castrovillari, Ed Kundla and Ray Priest
Donna Babinec (Secretary)

Members Absent: Joe Kapitan

Others Present: Donna Vozar, Tom Jordan

1. **Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2008 meeting:**

Mr. Castrovillari stated that he would return to this item after New and Old Business.

2. **Old Business:**

A. **Italgranite.** Mrs. Babinec called for applicant. No one present, however Mr. Jordan asked to address the Board on this issue. He stated that he had been in contact with the owner and applicant, trying to resolve this matter, and would like it deferred to the next meeting. He went on to say that he had sent a packet of materials to the owner in the hope that he will provide a complete application. Chairman Castrovillari moved to table the application for two meetings. Mr. Jordan stated that it can just be extended to the next meeting in the hope that it is resolved by then. Mr. Priest stated that it had already been tabled until the end of May. Chairman Castrovillari then amended the motion to have the application remain tabled until the end of May. Mr. Priest second. Roll called. Motion carried 3/0.

3. **New Business:**

A. **Firehouse Sports Bar & Grille.** Mrs. Babinec called for applicant. Mr. Richard Baker present as owner. Mr. Castrovillari made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Kundla second. Discussion: Chairman

Castrovillari suspended the meeting to allow Mrs. Vozar to retrieve from her office correspondence from the Building Commissioner. When she returned each Board member read Mr. Alvarez' memo. Mrs. Vozar read Mr. Alvarez' comments into the record stating that the signs in question are face changes only and comply with the zoning code. Mr. Kundla asked Mr. Baker if he had pictures of the old signage. Mr. Baker stated that the picture on the application is the old signage. The sign maker just changed "Spotlight" to "Firehouse." He went on to explain that the sign maker is just removing the face, removing the letters and putting on new letters. Chairman Castrovillari stated that you will see Firehouse with Spotlight faded in. Mr. Baker replied that the sign maker told him he has a cleaner that will clean the old name off. Chairman Castrovillari said that he sees on the applications two signs, one is three times longer than the other and, since they are so close together he would like to see some continuity. Mr. Baker stated that they are two different units. Chairman Castrovillari replied that they are next to each other on the same building. Mr. Kundla said that the Board looks at how signs look on the entire building. Chairman Castrovillari asked if the sign is illuminated. Mr. Baker replied that both signs are illuminated. Mr. Kundla stated that the Board is only supposed to be looking at the Bar and Grille signage, unless Chairman Castrovillari wants to amend his motion. Mr. Kundla then asked why the letters are green on one picture and the letters on the other are black for the same sign. Mr. Baker replied that the colors are black and red, there is no green. Chairman Castrovillari stated it is very difficult to talk about one sign without talking about the other. He then moved to consolidate both sign applications for purposes of discussion. Mr. Kundla second. Mrs. Vozar asked the applicant if he had any objection. He stated that he did not. Roll called. Motion carried 3/0. Mr. Kundla asked Mr. Baker if both signs are equally lit. He replied that the pizza sign has three 40 watt lamps and the bar has four 40 watt lamps. He went on to say that the pizza sign is on until 11 pm and the bar sign is on until 2:30 am. They are on timers. Mr. Priest said that he has passed this building every day for about 18 years when going to work before his office was on Sprague. He feels that the signs have been there a long time and this is a reface which is almost identical to Spotlight Bar & Grill. He has no objection - if it was a new building it would be different but, since it's almost exactly as it was before he has no problem. He doesn't think the Board needs to reinvent the wheel. If Mr. Baker was changing the colors - it may be different. Chairman Castrovillari said he wants them to be more consistent - the way they were before wasn't right. Looking at the applications, they look like they have two different borders. The signs are different signs. Mr. Baker stated that the pizza shop sign is all green presently

with a white border. The other has a black border. He would rather they both have black borders as it would stand out more. There are other signs on the building that are different. One of the other owners just changed his sign. Chairman Castrovillari asked Mr. Baker which of the signs he wants. One is centered, one is not centered, one is misspelled. Mr. Baker stated that he wants it to say "Firehouse" across the top and "Sports Bar" centered underneath. Chairman Castrovillari asked Mr. Kundla how he felt about the signs. Mr. Kundla asked Mr. Baker the size of the letters. He was unsure. Mr. Kundla said he would like to see some cohesiveness - there are different fonts, some are all caps, some are not. Mr. Baker said the sign he wants would be all caps straight across and italics on the bottom with black edging around the letters. Mr. Kundla stated that the letters look quite tall on the applications. He went on to say that the application usually indicates the size of each line as well as what the font is. Mr. Kundla then stated that he has to agree with Mr. Priest since the new signage is not really much different than what was there before. Mr. Jordan asked if the Board could get the applicant to enumerate exactly what will be on the signs for the reason that he wants the building department to get proper direction on what has been approved. Mr. Baker stated that he would be glad to have his sign person draw up something more accurate. Mr. Kundla told the applicant that his sign person should provide information as to the fonts, borders, sizes of lettering, a true representation of colors used, a true representation of how the signs will look on the building and return with more accurate renderings. Mr. Kundla then amended the motion to table the sign applications. Mr. Priest second. Roll called. Motion carried 3/0.

4. **Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2008 meeting minutes.** Chairman Castrovillari asked the Board members if they had reviewed the minutes from the March 24, 2008 meeting. Mr. Kundla stated that he was not present at that meeting. Chairman Castrovillari moved to excuse Mr. Kundla from voting on the March 24th minutes. Mr. Priest second. Roll called. Motion carried 2/0. Chairman Castrovillari then moved to approve the March 24, 2008 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Priest second. Roll called. Motion carried 2/0.
5. **Miscellaneous:** Chairman Castrovillari asked if there was any other issues before the Board. Mr. Jordan stated that he just wants the building department to get an accurate representation as to what is approved by this Board.

Chairman Castrovillari moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Mr. Kundla second. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____
Chairman - Architectural Review Board

Attest: _____
Secretary - Architectural Review Board

Date: _____