

City of Dunkirk Planning Board
Meeting Minutes

The Planning Board of the City of Dunkirk met on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 6:00 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall.

Members present were Chairman Ed Schober, Andy Bohn, Chris Piede, Bill Tuggle and John Mackowiak.

Also present were Steve Neratko and Tim Gornikiewicz from the Department of Development, Ron Szot, City Attorney, Jarred Johnson and Frank Schnieder from Brooks Hospital; residents, Stephanie Kiyak, Bill Rivera, Allen Hollander, Christa Kelley, Deborah Washington, Josie Christopher, and Harriet Tower. Gib Snyder from the Observer and Susan Chiappone from the Buffalo News were also present.

Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

Andy Bohn made motion to pass the previous meeting minutes. Bill Tuggle seconded the motion. All in favor.

Communications from the Public and Petitions

Letters were received from Wendy Woodbury, 12 East Fifth Street (attached) and Virginia Surlas, 436 Eagle Street (attached) in opposition from new sign at Hospital. Resident, Christa Kelley, 12 W Fifth Street said the sign was too big and didn't match the neighborhood. Skeeter Tower from 438 Swan Street said the sign was no good. Stephanie Kiyak, 635 Eagle Street said that sign is OK< but does fit historic flavor. She does like the other sign near the front entrance. Josie Christopher, 724 Central Avenue asked why the sign was so big. She did not like the size of the sign.

Old Business

None

New Business

***Site Review-99 W Fifth Street
Resolution 2013-11***

Jarred Johnson, representing the Brooks Hospital, said this is the last part of the parking lot. There will be landscaping around the sign as well. He said the logo had to be the logo; "Lake Erie Regional Health System". That is the name of the business. He did state that they did want to listen to the public. He said that they will go back, redesign and make it smaller; come back in

the future with a smaller sign. Ed Schober tended to agree with the residents. Andy Bohn made motion to table resolution. Chris Piede seconded that motion. All in favor. Carried.

Andy Bohn made motion to adjourn at 6:34. Bill Tuggle seconded that. All voted in favor.

WOODBURY SURVEYING AND GEOMATICS

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June 27, 2013

The Dunkirk Planning Board
City Hall
Dunkirk, NY 14048

Dear Friends,

I have just been visited by Ms. Harriet Tower, who represents the Academy Heights neighborhood and the Dunkirk Historical Society, who are both concerned about the new sign at Brooks Hospital.

Since my office is outside the radius which had been notified of the hearing which was held Tuesday evening, I appreciate this opportunity to respectfully submit my thoughts on the matter. Those thoughts are as follows:

First, I would concur with Ms. Tower that because of all that the Historical Society and the Academy Heights folks have been doing to beautify the City, it would be a shame to erect another large, commercial sign in an area that welcomes us to a historic district.

Therefore, could the sign be re-designed to (1) be of a size and design commensurate with the existing sign for Brooks Hospital, and (2) to incorporate the old carriage block and hitching post if they are not already a permanent part of the new landscape?

Please contact me with questions about any of the above.

Sincerely,


Wendy J. Woodbury Straight, LS

MEMBER:

AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
NIAGARA FRONTIER LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION

As residents of the historic Academy Heights Neighborhood, we are opposed to the sudden emergence of a plan to erect a billboard sized lighted sign at the corner of fifth and Central. This is not compatible with our neighborhood, diminishes the name of the family Brooks who donated their house and their land for this very hospital. There is already a classy sign in front of the hospital. At no time have we been informed that a huge contemporary sign was to be part of the parking lot development. As two active neighborhood groups, Washington Park, which is adjacent to the hospital as well as Academy Heights in whose neighborhood the hospital resides, we would be expected to be consulted regarding any such plan and the values of this neighborhood taken into consideration. To consult a small sampling of homes and have no one show up for zoning is not an appropriate step in seeking positive relationships with a community. We request a delay in the plans and a thorough review of the plans so that these concerns can be addressed..

Virginia Surles 436 Eagle St., D.C.

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CITY OF DUNKIRK PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION

No. 2013-11

A meeting of the Planning Board (the "Board") of the City of Dunkirk (the "City"), was convened on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:00pm.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BROOKS MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL TO PLACE NEW SIGN AT NORTH EAST
CORNER OF 529 CENTRAL AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the City Code provides that the Board shall have full power and authority make investigations, maps, reports, recommendations, and approvals relating to the planning and development of the city; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these duties the Board has reviewing the information supplied by Brooks Memorial Hospital for the project located at 529 Central Avenue relating to the replacement of a new sign at the North East corner; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to approve the transaction submitted and reviewed subject to the conditions contained below; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF
DUNKIRK PLANNING BOARD AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Hereby offers its approval to Brooks Memorial Hospital for the sole purpose of placing a new sign at the North East corner at the property located at 529 Central Avenue

Section 2. The above approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Section 3. The above resolutions shall take effect immediately.

Dated: July 9, 2013

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA) SS:

I, the undersigned Recording Secretary of the City of Dunkirk Planning Board, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

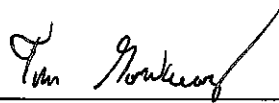
That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the meeting of the City of Dunkirk Planning Board (the "Board"), including the resolution contained therein, held on July 9, 2013, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of the Board had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Board present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City this 9th day of July, 2013.



Tim Gornikiewicz
Recording Secretary
City of Dunkirk Planning Board

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