

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

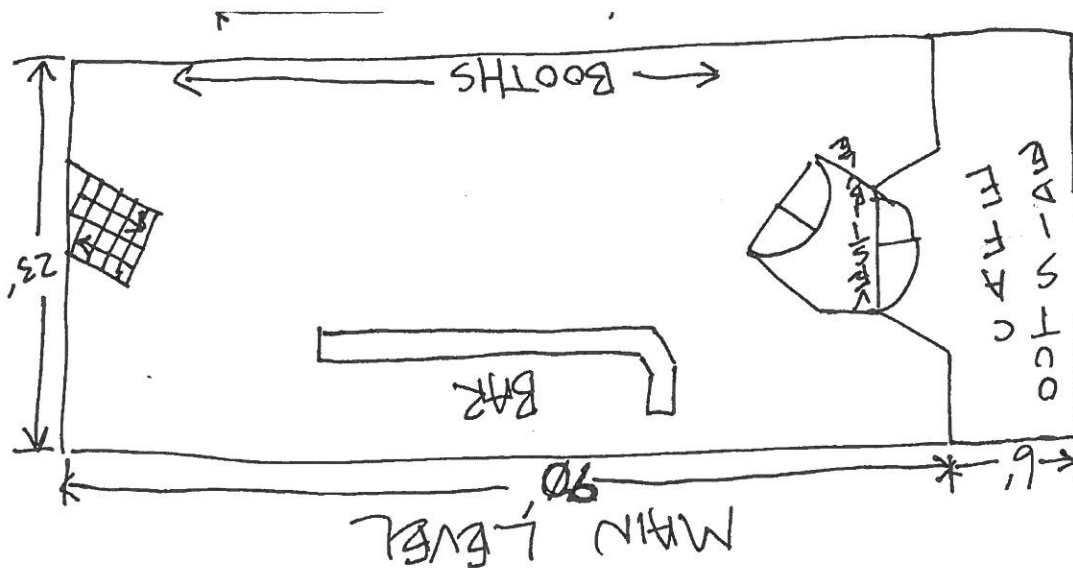
to: Historic Preservation Commission  
from: Ed Zimmer  
re: Agenda items for August 21, 2014  
date: August 15, 2014

We have a “robust” agenda this month with a wide range of items. Mostly this is indicative of a vibrant local economy and strong local interest in historic resources—both good things. Comparing notes with preservation planners from other regions at the conference last month in Philadelphia, it occurred to me that while we may be scrambling sometimes to keep up, the challenges accompanying success are preferable to the costs of failure and recession.

**Items 3-6, 8a and 9:**  
Reports are attached.

**Item 7: McFarland’s sidewalk café, 710 P**

McFarland’s has indicated in their liquor license application that they are interested in a sidewalk café, but I have not yet received that application or design information to present to the Commission.



**Item 8b: Canopy for 820 Q Street**

Speedway Properties have indicated an interest in adding a canopy on the south façade of 820 Q Street. The initial proposal would have set the canopy between the storefronts and transoms, at the same level as the canopy of the infill building to the west. Ordinarily leaving the transoms unobstructed is desirable, but placing both of those buildings under a single-height canopy appeared odd, when their floor levels

and front “decks” step down with the slope of the hill. The owners agreed and offered to present a revised design, but I have not yet seen it. The following images provide some background.



*June 2011, approved sidewalk café concept on Star Building*



*Preliminary canopy proposal*



*Planning staff “sketch” suggestion*

**Item 10: Banner signs at Grand Manse**

I have been in continued contact with US Properties personnel about banners at Grand Manse, but I have not yet received information requested by the Commission on the manner of attachment of the proposed building banners, nor do I have additional information about general parameters for a banner program on this landmark building. Temporary banners are generally allowed for up to 60 days per year, one per façade, of no more than 100 square feet each. The owners are considering whether these city-wide provisions fit their vision and hence whether to pursue the request with the Commission.

