

HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2018 @ 6:00 pm - Municipal Complex

Roll Call: Judy Kernell, Robbie Brown, Erika Cann, Marilou Suszko, Susan Cairns

Chairwoman J. Kernell called the Wednesday, August 1, 2018, meeting to order.

J. Kernell welcomed Susan Cairns, the board's newest member who has filled the unexpired term of Vice Chair Chris Riddle.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR:

J. Kernell MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to appoint Erica Cann as the Vice Chair for 2018. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

E. Cann MOVED; R. Brown seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 10, 2018. Vote 4 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Cairns). **MOTION CARRIED.**

M. Suszko said the board at their July meeting did not approve the signage for 5415 Liberty Avenue and since that time Main Street sent him signage guidelines. She asked if the applicant needs to come back before the Historic Board with a revision. G. Fisher said they would probably need to file application again with the building department to get the signage back on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

(Residential) 523 Washington Street – Kathleen Ehrlich (Driveway) - Tabled from 7/10

Kathleen Ehrlich explained she was going to put gravel down, but decided to put pavers down. J. Kernell asked if the work was already completed and K. Ehrlich said the building inspector told her she could go ahead and finish the work. J. Kernell said it looks very nice and the board members agreed.

R. Brown MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to approve the new driveway at 523 Washington Street. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

(Commercial) 5289 Liberty Avenue – Phil Schultz (Roofing)

This item was tabled to the September 5, 2018 meeting, as the applicant was not present.

(Residential) 783 Main Street – Stanley Rousonelos (Storage Shed/Driveway)

This item was tabled to the September 5, 2018 meeting, as the applicant was not present.

(Commercial) 678 Grand Street – Denise Fahrney (Roofing)

Mark Fahrney explained he would like to put a midnight grey metal roof on the old hardware store. M. Suszko asked if this is a mixed use building that is zoned for both residential/commercial and which takes precedence. G. Fisher believed the property would be commercial and M. Fahrney believed it is classified as commercial property. M. Suszko asked how a metal roof fits in with the historical integrity of downtown as metal roofs to her don't necessary fit. M. Fahrney said they used metal way back when and it's not a new product for a roof at all. J. Kernell said the board has approved metal roofs in the past as long as they fit with the building. M. Fahrney said you can barely see the roof anyway. E. Cann agreed that it doesn't seem to fit the historical integrity, but if the roof is not visible then she would be more

inclined to approve it. J. Kernell said there is nothing in the historical guidelines that says you can't have a metal roof and she felt as long as it doesn't stand out it will be okay.

R. Brown MOVED; S. Cairns seconded to approve the metal roof in midnight grey at 678 Grand Street. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Commercial) 5237 Liberty – Jerry Pearl (Doors, Entrances)

Jerry Pearl said they are updating their building as they purchased it in 1981. They are replacing the front door in like kind and it will be a blue door that will match the blue they have throughout the city on the signs. He presented a picture of the sign they will be updating and again they will try to match the same to the city. Their lettering on top of the sign will be in gold and the lettering on the bottom will be in blue and the trim will be blue. M. Suszko felt the board needs to be very careful when businesses come before them wanting to replace signage and add color that reflects the city wayfinding signs, as it could become a homogenous look downtown and they should separate businesses from city signage. The biggest example is the signage that was approved for the Vermilion History Museum that matches the wayfinding signage to a tee. She said she would abstain from this as its part of the Community Development Block Grant, but said they need to be careful about setting precedence. The board agreed this was a good point. It was noted there is not too much blue in the proposed sign and it does have a lot of gold in it.

S. Cairns MOVED; E. Cann seconded to approve a door of like kind in the color blue and to refurbish the sign with gold and blue lettering as presented. Vote 4 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Suszko). **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Commercial) 5463 Liberty Avenue – P&P Enterprise, LLC; Chuck Norton (Awnings, Siding, Landscaping, etc.)

Chuck Norton explained that the brown vinyl siding that is deteriorating will be replaced with a gray cedar shake vinyl siding on the lower section of the building and a gray lap siding on the upper section. The five existing windows will be removed and remaining windows will be lowered with header being 8' 6". The clock tower siding will be replaced with matching gray board and batten, vertical siding. A matching gray fabric awning may be installed across the front and the east side of the entire building that would be 10' higher than grade; none would be over the sidewalk. The existing brick will be painted tuxedo gray to match the new siding. There will be a 24" high brick wall 24" back from sidewalk in front of the building with sandstone cap. The brick will be red to match the neighbor's planter and building to the west (Inter Urban Station Building). There will be two new floor to ceiling windows on the east side to match the eight existing floor to ceiling windows in front of the building. There may be a 10' x 15' patio area in a portion of the parking lot, near the flagpole, in the north east corner bordered by a 24" brick wall to match the proposed in the front of the building. M. Suszko said she appreciates the work that is being done in this area of town.

R. Brown MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to approve the projects as submitted and discussed at 5463 Liberty Avenue. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Commercial) 666 Main Street – Gary Harris (Siding)

Gary Harris explained the area covered in canvas above the Alpaca Shop will be changed to a fish scale siding in the color Bayou (slate gray with a blueish tint).

E. Cann MOVED; S. Cairns seconded to approve the fish scale siding in the color Bayou at 666 Main Street. Vote 4 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Suszko). **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Commercial) – 654 Grand Street – Paradise Salon (Siding)

J. Kernell mentioned that Paradise Salon came before the board two months ago for approval of siding and the board approved a dark gray blue color, but they can no longer get that siding, so they would like to go with Hampton Blue which is closest to what the board had approved.

R. Brown MOVED; S. Cairns seconded to approve the Hampton Blue siding as submitted at 654 Grand Street. Vote 4 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Suszko). MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon no further action, the meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman, Judy Kernell.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 @ 6pm
Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion

Submitted by: Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk