

HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Minutes of December 6, 2017 @ 6:30 pm ~ Municipal Complex

Roll Call: Chairman D. Volak, J. Kernell, J. Underwood, C. Riddle. Absent: S. Opperman.
Not Present: *J. Forthofer, Council Representative (Non-Voting Participant)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D. Volak MOVED; J. Underwood seconded to approve the minutes of November 1, 2017. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

(Commercial) – 5336 Liberty Avenue – Mike Moes (Siding, Doors, Entrances, Windows)

Mike Moes explained this project will go through a series of phases with the first starting on the lower part of the fish house. He said the street portion of the building was built in the teens and the lower portion was added on in the 20s, and various stages of renovations occurred inside. It's an unheated shop that will be made into a heated shop on the lower portion. The upper portion will be addressed as a future plan and drawings are available, but he didn't want to convolute phase one since there is a need to start on the lower shop right away since they have more people working and there is need for additional shop space. He stated they want to make the lower façade functional for the business, but when they start the upper part he understands it may become more rigorously editorialized. The scope of the work includes replacing the overhead door on the south elevation with an insulated overhead door that will remain white and with windows. They want to match the windows and doors to what's on the other building. They will be removing the large door opening on the west elevation on lower level and will fill with block and 2x4 studs, and will leave a space for a new walk door. They will cut and install a new overhead door on the east end of the north elevation and will install new windows on the north elevation. D. Volak said it appears to be single and double hung windows without grids and asked what they were replacing them with. Mike Moes said they will match the windows like the ones they just put on the Grand Street building. They are double paned glass with mutton bars inside of them. It fits more with the warehouse style. Instead of putting six or seven individual windows they thought they would install two bigger windows because they are better to work in because of the natural light. They also will be installing new metal siding on the north elevation and west elevation to center of building. He said they will not be painting the building in stage one. It will be white 26 gauge steel vertical siding and the whole exterior will be painted grey once they do the upper level phase of the project. D. Volak asked when phase one will begin. M. Moes said Herk is ready to demolish the inner floor and they should have engineering drawings and proofs by the end of the week. He will come back to the board when they decide to start the upper façade which he hopes will be in the spring of 2018. Jim Underwood didn't have any problems with the project layout especially on the lower portion facing the river. He did think they need to be a lot more careful of the façade on the street side of Liberty.

J. Underwood MOVED; C. Riddle seconded to approve phase one of the project as submitted at 5336 Liberty Avenue. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Residential) 5590 South Street – Ronald & Barbara Foley (Windows)

This item was tabled to the January 3, 2018 meeting, as the homeowners were not present.

(Residential) – 5662 Huron Street – Rita Young (Roofing, Gutters, Side Porch, Demolition)

This item was tabled to the January 3, 2018 meeting, as the homeowners failed to appear and no supporting documentation was submitted.

(Residential) – 538 Main Street – Marilou Suszko (Roofing, Windows)

D. Volak said Mrs. Suszko made the board aware that she would not be present for the meeting, but she provided all the specifications for her job. They are replacing 37 wood windows with double-paned, vinyl clad windows, with grids on the top half and clear glass on the bottom half. The entire roof including dormers and bays will be replaced with GAF Timberline Shingles. The color will be a slate to replicate the original color of the roof. He noted this is a like-kind project. J. Kernell said they are not replacing the leaded glass but are repainting them to match the windows. J. Underwood said he had no problem with voting on the project as it was documented so well.

D. Volak MOVED; J. Kernell seconded to approve the window and roof project as submitted at 538 Main Street. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Commercial) – 681 Main Street – Nicholas & Marcela Polito (Awnings)

Nicholas Polito explained that his awning has been deteriorating over time and during the last storm the decision was made to replace it earlier than expected. They are considering matching Vermilion by using blue instead of the Swan Creek Candle green. They also would like to show their Vermilion pride, so they opted to use anchors on the side of the awning. The existing framework is in great shape so they will continue to use it and there are no dimensional changes. J. Kernell said the blue color will be nice and J. Underwood reiterated those sentiments.

C. Riddle MOVED; J. Kernell seconded to approve the awning project at 681 Main Street as submitted. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Residential) – 756 Perry Street – Edwin & Pam Schmitz (Exterior Light Fixtures, Exterior Painting)

Edwin Schmitz said they were excited to complete their garage project and now they want to put the final touch on it by adding the Edgewater Exterior Lights in black, along with the Manor House Style in black on the porch. The board liked their choices and noted it is definitely an improvement. E. Schmitz also showed the board a paint sample (mid-day yellow from Sherwin Williams) for the exterior of the home.

D. Volak MOVED; J. Underwood seconded to approve both the exterior lighting and exterior paint project as submitted at 756 Perry Street. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Residential) 520 Washington Street – Christina Riddle (Doors, Entrances)

Board Member Christina Riddle explained her intent of the project is to just replace the back door on the west side of the house and the shed door on the north side of the house. She provided pictures for the board members to review.

J. Kernell MOVED; J. Underwood seconded to approve both doors as submitted. Vote 3 YEAS (Underwood, Volak, and Kernell). **MOTION CARRIED**.

Dave Volak thanked those board members who were departing from the board at the end of December for their contribution to the city. Upon no further action, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman, D. Volak.

Next Meeting:

January 3, 2018 @ 6:30pm, Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion