

**HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
Minutes of February 7, 2018 @ 6:30 pm ~ Municipal Complex

Roll Call: Chris Riddle, Marilou Suszko, Erika Cann, Robbie Brown  
Not Present: Judy Kernell  
In Attendance: John Gabriel, Council Representative (Non-Voting Participant)

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Vice Chair C. Riddle called the Wednesday, February 7, 2018, meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**R. Brown MOVED;** M. Suszko seconded to approve the minutes of January 3, 2018. Vote 4 YEAS.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*(Commercial) – 5586 Liberty Avenue – Mike Lich (Windows)*

This item was permanently removed from the agenda as the applicant wasn't present for the last two consecutive meetings. They will need to reapply with the building department if they wish to pursue their project. It was noted by board members they believed the work had already been done without coming to the board. G. Fisher was directed to check with the building department to see if a permit was issued prior to obtaining board approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*(Commercial/Residential) – 686 Main Street – Jeff & Carolyn Hammerschmidt (Roofing)*

Jeff Hammerschmidt explained the intent is to coat the poly type roof as it needs to be done about every 15 years. He noted this is a flat pitched roof and you can't see it from the street, but you can a little from the rear. M. Suszko said the project is part of the CDBG grant applications and they are all flat roofs and the board should be seeing more of these applications. None of the roofs are visible from the street.

**E. Cann MOVED;** R. Brown seconded to approve the application as submitted and discussed. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Suszko). **MOTION CARRIED.**

*(Commercial) – 5542 Liberty Avenue – Shawn Grieves (Exterior Painting)*

Shawn Grieves explained he is closing on the building in one week and needs approval for color change. He will bring information for his signage next month. He chose historic colors from the Sherwin Williams paint line. He is proposing gray/blue (Turkish Tile) for the building, cream (natural choice) for the trim, the accent color is black magic which is for the iron work and pots, and the door will be show stopper (red). C. Riddle asked if he was planning to keep the yellow awning and S. Grieves said at this time he is. He said inside will be natural wood, light wood countertops, and natural wood tables. He is trying to achieve a European/Country look. He will have an old historic countertop that will be covered with marble on top. He is planning on doing charcuterie (curing meats) and cheeses. He formerly owned Jefferson 150 in Amherst and plans to come to Vermilion with this business. M. Suszko asked if he planned on keeping the stone floor and he said for now. S. Grieves said he is planning on tearing out the back wall of the kitchen and putting in a half wall, and plans to restore the kitchen. He also inquired what is needed to put in an enclosed walk-in cooler which will be in the back of the building by the parking lot. The board directed him to talk with the building inspector regarding this as he may need to meet the setbacks and would have to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

M. Suszko said she has information regarding signage that she would get to him. She explained she represents Main Street Vermilion which is involved in the revitalization and preservation of the historic downtown, and the building is one of the most iconic buildings that Vermilion has, so she would like to know how far back the yellow color on the building goes. She said she likes his color palette, but when she thinks of how the town is pictured and portrayed; this is a building that shows up constantly. S.

Grievés said he did a street line up when choosing his colors. He said there are a lot of pastels, so he was trying to bring some nautical colors scene to it, but historical value. He felt a lot of buildings in the downtown were very gray, tan, or pastel, so he was trying to bring some color back without bringing the pastels. He is planning on having black cast iron tables and lots of vegetation outside the front of his building.

E. Cann asked S. Grievés if he had any initial thoughts on signage as it could play into his color choices. S. Grievés thought it would pretty much in line of the old signage, which will be on the facade. He said the name of the business will be Harbour Town and it will be in cursive letters, so it doesn't distract from what Harbour Town is. He also would like to put up some vintage lighting on the side.

C. Riddle advised S. Grievés that he could stop at Main Street to get sign preferences and suggestions and be assisted by Main Street. She said the Turkish Tile seems really dark, although it's a nice color and she likes it. S. Grievés said the swatch seems darker than the actual color and noted the building is on the sunny side of the street. M. Suszko said her concern is that the Turkish Tile appears a little dark. However, the color shown on the picture doesn't seem so dark. S. Grievés said he doesn't planning on painting the building for another month or so.

C. Riddle tabled this application until the March meeting because the members weren't completely on board with the color palette. M. Suszko asked him if he could come to Main Street so she could work with him on this. S. Grievés said he would like that.

*(Residential) – 580 Main Street, Rebecca Langer (Siding/Landscaping)*

Rebecca Langer stated she was before the board at the end of September 2017, for approval of allowing her to paint her house white, installing windows, and a black rod iron fence. She has got the windows and has ordered the fence, but the painter suggested that it would be better to side the house rather than paint it because there is too much paint to scrap. Therefore, she asked for approval of white vinyl siding and new gutters. She also asked for board approval on a 10' x 12' stamped concrete patio (light grey) in the front of her house. The board advised her to contact the building department.

**R. Brown MOVED**; E. Cann seconded to approve the white vinyl siding on the home at 580 Main Street instead of the paint and to give approval on the light grey stamped concrete patio contingent upon the approval of the building department. Discussion: R. Langer said upon reviewing the landscaping ordinance she wanted to know if it was okay to plant some Hosta around her patio and some perennials around her house, but it states in the ordinance that landscaping had to be approved. G. Fisher believed a natural living fence is something that needs approved by council. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*(Residential) – 792 Exchange Street, Dennis & Heidi Painter (Siding)*

Heidi Painter explained they would like to tear their one car garage down and replace it with a two car garage to match the house. She wants to add a dormer with a roof to match. The roof color of the house is mint frost (white/green). The house has aluminum siding and they plan to use white vinyl on the garage and the roof will match the house with the mint frost. M. Suszko asked if the garage is 1,000 square feet and H. Painter said it will be 676 square feet with storage above. G. Fisher noted the Zoning Board of Appeals already approved a variance on the garage. She said prior to the meeting she had discussion with the homeowner about fire rated windows and asked if the building department had any input since the Zoning Board of Appeals didn't approve the windows. B. DiFucci said he talked with the contractor who understood there will be no windows on that wall and he will supply drawings to make sure that wall is fire rated as he has methods to make it fire rated.

**E. Cann MOVED**; M. Suszko seconded to approve the white vinyl on the garage with a mint frost roof to match the house. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon no further action, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair, Chris Riddle.

Next Meeting: February 7, 2018 @ 6:30pm, Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion