

HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2018 @ 6:00 pm ~ Municipal Complex

Roll Call: Chris Riddle, Judy Kernell, Robbie Brown, Erika Cann
Excused: Marilou Suszko

Chairwoman J. Kernell called the Wednesday, June 6, 2018, meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

C. Riddle MOVED; E. Cann seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 2, 2018. Vote 4 YEAS.
MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

(Commercial) – 5491 Liberty Avenue – Ken Borquist (Signage)

This item was permanently removed from the agenda as the applicant wasn't present. The applicant will need to reapply with the building department if they wish to pursue their project.

NEW BUSINESS:

(Commercial) – 665 Main Street – Woodstock – Alex Koteles (Roofing, Siding, Gutters, Windows, Exterior Painting)

Alex Koteles explained his exterior remodeling project he is proposing on the front and two sides of the back of his building. He plan is to put up new siding on the north, south, and east elevations to cover existing siding. The front of the building will stay the same and down the two alleys on the back of the building would get new siding on the upper half. The siding is a shake shingle (vinyl-high quality). The siding on the top currently is cream and the bottom is a beige/taupe; blue on the sides. Painting will be on the west, south, and east elevations on the areas where the siding isn't going; the bottom in the front will match all the way around to the back of the building. He is thinking about bringing the blue into the front, so he would paint the front of the building to match. He said the sides are grey now. He said there will be a roof repair on the east roof on the back of the building and they will use a dimensional shingle that will tie into the existing color. They will also repair the gutters as they are tied into the roof. They will scrap them and paint them brown. They will be putting a coating on the main flat roof. Two windows will be replaced in like-kind as far as appearance, but they will be wood; one on the back of the building and one on the side of the building. Additionally, new hardware and a new door closure will be put on the front door. The board reviewed the color samples as presented.

E. Cann MOVED; C. Riddle seconded to approve the roofing, siding, gutters, windows, trim, and paint project as submitted at 665 Main Street. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Commercial) – 5760 Liberty – Captain Bell House (Roofing, Windows)

Phil Laurien explained he is finishing everything up on the Captain Bell House. He started the project seven years ago and restored all of the double hung arched top wood sash windows. He is now requesting to restore eight windows in the back of the house that are 40 years old which are not the original windows. In the past seven years the windows weren't too bad when he started, but the plastic is now deteriorating. He said the picture window is completely inappropriate as they didn't have picture windows in the 1870's, so it will be replaced with three double hung windows, which will be similar to the porches around the area. There will be no changes to the trim or exterior paint color and the windows will fit in the same cavities. They will be Pella windows (350 series) which are vinyl seamless. He noted there are six roofs on the house and 5½ of them have been replaced, so he will be finishing the other half of the front tall section to match the others. The roof will be replaced with Owens Corning Duration Estate Grey 30 year architectural heavy duty fiberglass/asphalt shingles. They were used on all the other roofs on the house. J. Kernell mentioned that his home is spectacular and a real gem!

R. Brown MOVED; C. Riddle seconded to approve the project as submitted at 5760 Liberty. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Commercial) – 5523 South Street – Theodore & Rachel McNeely (Landscaping)

Theodore McNeely said they are replacing an existing fence. Rachel McNeely said they are not planning on replacing the whole fence but rather a decorative corner. However, if they have to get a permit for a fence then they will do the whole thing like what was up there before, which was a split rail.

C. Riddle MOVED; E. Cann seconded to approve the replacement of the fence (decorative) only on the corner, and the entire fence replacement was approved contingent upon the property owner's need to obtain a fence permit by the building department. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Residential) – 756 Perry Street – Edwin & Pamela Schmitz (Limestone Steps)

Edwin Schmitz explained his intent is to replace the steps to his main entrance as well as to the deck with limestone steps. J. Kernell noted he has done wonderful things to his home.

R. Brown MOVED; E. Cann seconded to approve the replacement of his steps with limestone. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Commercial) – 681 Main Street – Nicholas & Marcela Polito (Windows, Exterior Painting)

Nick Polito explained the intent is to replace the windows on the south elevation portion of the building. They are working with the Downtown Revitalization Grant and will do as many windows as they can. He said they received a letter from Nancy Campbell of the State Historic Preservation Office who suggested that because they may qualify for the National Register of Historic Places they would recommend replacing the windows with aluminum-clad wood windows for historic rehabilitation. This would be more expensive so they will see how many they can do. Therefore, the focus will be on the windows that are really broken. As far as the style of the window, the State Historic Preservation Office is requesting they match the original wood windows that exist now, which is a six-over-one grid double-hung. They will match that color of the exterior to the current ones that will stay. Eventually, they will replace everything and will match everything. They will put in the exact same size and grid; dark brown color to match the other exterior, and they will do as many as they can on the second floor. All the basement windows are broken and need to be fixed, so the plan is to replace them with a block window with a vent. He didn't think they would get that far on this project, but if they do he will submit application.

N. Polito said they are hoping to paint the front door with a sharp looking black color (sample submitted). He asked if they could do the same color on the side and back doors to match. C. Riddle asked if the trim would be painted in the same color. M. Polito said she would probably want to keep the trim black only because it looks bad. C. Riddle said the cream in the sample looks pretty sharp. M. Polito said they can paint it either way to appease the board. C. Riddle asked if they could possibly consider painting the trim around the door cream to keep consistent with the colors on the front of the building. N. Polito said he will contact the clerk once he gets confirmation on what window brand they will be using.

J. Kernell MOVED; C. Riddle seconded to approve the entire replacement window project as submitted and the basement block windows with a vent contingent upon the time they can replace them in the future. The board also approved the door project as submitted. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Residential) – 5662 Huron Street – Rita Young (Fence, Signage)

Rita Young explained her intent is to replace the fence with treated wood in like-kind with Betsy Wakefield's fence so they match. They will paint the fence white, which they hope to have done in June. She stated they are replacing the sign which will be carved in gold leaf. The sign will be located up by the house instead at the end of her driveway. The color of the sign will be Commodore Blue and the ship picture came from one of her Captain's fleet.

C. Riddle MOVED; E. Cann seconded to approve the fence and signage as submitted for 5662 Huron Street. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next Meeting:

Note: Meeting change in July

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 @ **6:00 p.m.**
Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion

Submitted by: Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk