

HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2018 @ 6:00 pm ~ Municipal Complex

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

Chairwoman J. Kernell called the Wednesday, May 2, 2018, meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

E. Cann MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2018. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Riddle MOVED; R. Brown seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 24, 2018. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

(Commercial) – 654 Grand Street – Steve & Debbie Hansen (Siding)

Debbie Hansen explained their intent is to replace the aluminum siding on the house with vinyl Dutch lap siding. They are using the Downtown Revitalization Grant. They are looking at a darker gray with white trim and gutters. The awnings will be replaced which are a purple tone with a green and red stripe. The garage is a lighter gray and will remain as is. She had thought about using a gray trim, but thought it would look too dark, so she would like to choose the white trim because it will make the windows pop. C. Riddle agreed she should choose the white trim. The board was in favor of the darker gray siding.

C. Riddle MOVED; E. Cann seconded to authorize the project as described at 654 Grand Street. Vote 4 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Suszko). **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Residential) – 5745 Huron Street – Cathy Werner (Roof)

Cathy Werner said she would like to replace her garage shingles in like-kind which will match the roof shingles on her home.

E. Cann MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to approve the project as submitted at 5745 Huron Street. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Richard Machock said he would like to put some neon signage in his window at 'Poppin Around' as he feels a lot of the foot traffic doesn't head their direction and people seem to shop Main Street and Liberty (west). He hears from customers that they didn't even know their business was there. Therefore, on a marketing view they want to incorporate additional signage. E. Cann asked if they have thought about putting signage above their business on the building. R. Machock said they had as there was signage there before. E. Cann thought neon signs would only capture a small amount of traffic into their business, but as far as building awareness she thought it would be beneficial to match what the other businesses have pertaining to signage because they do kind of get lost within the other businesses. She suggested looking into some signage which would definitely help with awareness. C. Riddle suggested possibly just putting the word "Popcorn" on the building possibly in red and white. M. Suszko noted as a suggestion that on May 15 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. at the Ritter Public Library, Main Street Vermilion is having a sign company come in to do a seminar on signage that they may find helpful prior to making any decisions. R. Machock said he would like to attend the seminar and would put the neon signage on hold until he puts more thought into how he will approach his signage.

J. Kernell tabled this issue until he hears back from R. Machock.

(Residential) – 5754 South Street – Brandon Filker (Fence & Driveway)

Brandon Filker's sister in law was present to represent him on his proposed project to extend his driveway to the gravel portion of the road. The driveway will be expanded from a single driveway to a double driveway for the entire length of the driveway. He will replace his brown fence with new white vinyl panels which are 3 feet tall, along with a small section of his sidewalk from the main sidewalk to the side entrance. J. Kernell thought the project would look very nice.

R. Brown MOVED; E. Cann seconded to approve the project as submitted at 5754 South Street. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Next Meeting: June 6, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. - Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion

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