

Design Committee -Perry Main Street Board
Minutes - February 25, 2015

Welcome : Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Roll: Chairman Walker; Committee Members Bill Loudermilk, Steve Gray, Trish Cossart, Kim Mullins, Ross Yasin and Marty Myers.

Absent: Vanna Brown

Staff: Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, Mike Beecham – Community Development Director, and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk.

Visitors: None

Old Business

- 1). Hanging basket locations in downtown – Chairman Walker reviewed the provided maps of the proposed improvement areas for Commerce Street, which includes new bricks and light fixtures, and recommended reviewing at a later date after the streetscape work is completed; the board concurred.

New Business

- 1). Approval of minutes from January 28, 2015

Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve as submitted; Committee Member Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

- 2). 813 Carroll Street

Committee Member Myers advised at 813 Carroll Street the façade is in substandard shape and needs to be removed; after it is removed, he will determine the next steps in repair and, therefore, requested approval from the committee only for removing the façade. Committee Member Mullins motioned for approval to remove the façade front only at 813 Carroll Street; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; all in favor of approval with Committee Member Myers abstaining from the vote.

- 3). Murals on downtown buildings

Chairman Walker advised there is potential interest in having murals on downtown buildings, in the past the DDA had not permitted them, and in reviewing the PLDO, there was no regulation for them. Mr. Beecham was asked if they are allowed and stated, per the sign ordinance, they would be with the Planning Commission's review. Chairman Walker provided a draft ordinance for review and solicited the committee's input on how to proceed. The board concurred with requesting Mr. Beecham review example ordinance provided by Chairman Walker and bring back to the committee with staff recommendations.

- 4). Work plan priorities and preliminary budget request for FY 16

Chairman Walker advised Mr. Smith recently provided a matrix of the Strategic Plan for Mayor and Council and various items related to the work of the Design Committee. She said those were each reviewed and incorporated where appropriate in the Design Committee's FY 16 work plan. Those items requiring funding were provided costs so that Ms. Edgemon could incorporate into the Perry Main Street Board's FY 16 budget request.

Other:

- 1). Certificates of Appropriateness issued – Ms. Edgemon reviewed the monthly report.
- 2). Available façade grant funding report – Ms. Edgemon reviewed the monthly report and requested approval to change policy for reimbursement to (60) days; the board concurred. She said she has emailed the façade grant reimbursement form to Davida's and spoke to Mrs. Simpson about the requirement to submit the form for the committee to vote whether to release the grant funds. She will follow up with Davida's again.

Chairman Items: Main and Ball Street parking lot improvements are underway. The Pure Station at Evergreen and Main Street is being addressed by the City Manager. The sidewalk sign approved at the last meeting for attracting pedestrians to the 800 block was ordered and received; however, it was not what was expected and will not be used.

Chairman Walker requested from Mr. Beecham a procedure to the PLDO rewrite to incorporate prohibiting LED lighting around business windows in the downtown district; it was recommended that a letter from the committee be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Committee Member Myers noted he would like to see an ordinance change to allow for banners and stick-in-the ground signs for non-profits. Mr. Beecham advised the same procedure should be followed; the committee concurred to discuss further at next meeting.

Adjourn : There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

FAÇADE GRANTS FY 2015 - Budget of \$5,000

	Date	Amount
Payment		
8 - Victoria Brown	07/23/2014	\$242.55
Simpson		\$500.00
Memorial Heights Baptist		\$250.00
Quick Serve		\$500.00

TOTAL \$1,492.55

BALANCE \$3,507.45