

Design Committee - Main Street Advisory Board
Minutes - March 9, 2016

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

Roll: Chairman Walker; Committee Members Vanna Brown, Trish Cossart, Marty Myers, and Bill Loudermilk.

Absent: Lindsay Bailey

Staff: Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk

Visitors: David Grossnickle

Old Business

1. Approve façade grant program revisions – Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve as submitted; Committee Member Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Approve minutes from February 10, 2016, regular meeting and February 24, 2016, work session

Committee Member Cossart motioned to approve the minutes as submitted with correction as noted for February 10, 2016; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

2. 1023/1025 Ball Street façade grant payment request – Chairman Walker advised the painting was not complete and recommended revisiting when done; the board concurred.

*Committee Member Myers arrived at 12:08 p.m.

3. Request to approve paint color for 915 Carroll Street – David Grossnickle

Two renderings were provided with the selected colors of either black or blue; both of which are in the approved color palette. Mr. Grossnickle advised he is seeking approval for painting the upper two strips on the brick and the lower flat panels under the window and would like to do so in black as it keeps with the flooring in the entrance and there are other surrounding buildings with the same color. Discussion ensued among the board with Chairman Walker reminding the committee to keep with the consistency of the current downtown look. Committee Member Myers motioned to approve both colors submitted and to allow the property owner to select which color to paint the bulkhead, striping, and trim; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; Committee Member Brown concurred; Committee Member Cossart and Chairman Walker were opposed; resulting vote was 3-2 for approval as motioned.

4. Request to approve paint color for back door at 912 Carroll Street – Chairman Walker provided a rendering of the alleyway which showed the proposed color for the exterior doors at 912 Carroll Street. It was noted there are no current regulations governing the alleyways and is being brought forth to solicit the board’s opinions. Chairman Walker also noted she was considering adding some fig ivy. The board discussed and was receptive to the proposal and recommended proceeding.
5. Discuss tree replacement program – Chairman Walker advised progress is being made and ultimately the decision will be that of mayor and council, but a solid proposal needs to be completed and presented with layout, tree recommendations, etc. Chairman Walker asked for someone to spearhead the project; Committee Member Loudermilk agreed to do so.

Other

1. Certificate of Appropriateness issued – Report was reviewed.
2. Available façade grant funding report – Report was reviewed.

Addendum: The work for 753 Commerce Street façade grant application for \$487.50 was provided, with the awning previously approved having been installed. Ms. Sewell noted the sign needed review. Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve contingent upon sign approval by staff; Committee Member Myers seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

Work Plan Review

1. Approve 2016 committee work plan and budget request – Committee concurred with both items as presented.

Chairman Items

1. Discuss elf doors for downtown buildings – Chairman Walker provided an example and article on miniature elf doors. Chairman Walker requested input and approval for placement on downtown properties she owns. Chairman Walker left the room for discussion. Committee Member Myers voted to approve installation at downtown businesses; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved with Chairman Walker abstaining from the vote. Chairman Walker rejoined the meeting after the vote.
2. Discuss corn stalk decorations for fall instead of hay bales – Chairman Walker advised the City Manager requested alternate ideas for fall decorations as the hay bales rot, and pumpkins have been stolen. A proposed design of a scarecrow on the light posts with corn stalks was provided for review, and it was suggested to have fall bows and install on the corners. It was also noted the proposed design could be used for a few years as they are non-perishable. Committee Member Myers motioned to recommend approval to the City Manager to switch from hay bales and pumpkins to cornstalks, scarecrows and bows; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.