

Montpelier Design Review Committee
Minutes of June 22, 2004
Memorial Room, City Hall

Members Present: Steve Everett, Vicki Lane, Margot George, Chair; Stephanie Smith, Staff.
Others Present: Robert Yandow, Wiemann Lamphere; Maurice Adams and Matthew Adams, Kenneth R. Adams, Inc.; Dave Lothrop, Green Mountain Power; John Kerin, Kerin Signs; and Tom Quinlan, Quinlan Signs and Design.

The meeting was brought to order by Margot George, Chair at 5:55 p.m.
There were no comments from the Chair at this time.

Design Review and Site Plan -GB/DCD

7 Green Mountain Drive

Applicant: Maurice Adams, Kenneth R. Adams, Inc. for Green Mountain Power

Application: construction of an 8' x 8' canopy at door to Green Mountain Power

Robert Yandow, Matthew Adams, Maurice Adams, and Dave Lothrop, made the presentation for the 64 square foot addition of a canopy to be placed at the entrance to Green Mountain Power. The Green Mountain Power logo would be placed within the end of the canopy. There would be minor lighting within the canopy, the up-light was proposed to be 39 watts. The application also includes replacement of a number of existing light fixtures around the building. All replaced fixtures would be down-casting and shielded.

Ms. George reviewed the design review criteria (please refer to the recommendation sheet).

The DRC recommended approval of the application as submitted, 3/0.

Design Review and Site Plan -GB/DCD

7 Green Mountain Drive

Applicant: Maurice Adams, Kenneth R. Adams, Inc. and John Kerin, Kerin Signs for Green Mountain Power

Application: Installation of a 32" x 9'-7" wall sign

Mr. Kerin explained the sign application for the same property, 7 Green Mountain Drive. The sign is for a tenant of Green Mountain Power. The application is for a 1" thick white aluminum panel sign. The letters are proposed to be constructed from black plexiglass. The outside edge of the logo is proposed to be rust brown. The sign is proposed to be mounted on the east side of the southern elevation. The committee asked some clarifying questions. Margot reviewed the criteria.

Ms. Lane suggested that a matte finish sign might be a better option than a gloss finish. Mr. Kerin commented that a matte finish would become dirty quickly. The letter height for the word "Vermont" is proposed to be 6", and "claims" 4". The sign is proposed to be mounted over

a door with a sidelight that is 48" wide. Mr. Kerin contended that the size of the sign is appropriate for its location. Mr. Everett and Ms. George did not feel that the 9'-7" sign would be too large, because it would be seen primarily from an angle by those driving on Memorial Drive. The DRC recommended approval of the design review application as submitted, 3/0.

Design Review -CBI/DCD
89 Main Street

Applicant: Artisans Hand
Application: 2'x 6' wall sign

Tom Quinlan presented the application of the committee. He explained that the proposed would replace the sign that is present on the front of City Center. The applicant would remove the second sign located on the facade of the building facing East State Street. The proposed sign would be centered between the two existing signs.

The logo design was developed by Mary Azarian. The logo is constructed from 1" thick sign foam that is sandblasted to articulate the design. Navajo White, Pantone green #390 for one of the pinstripes and the leaves, Pantone green #392 for the border color and the leaves, violet for the flowers as shown in the application materials, and gloss black for the letters and the logo background. The words "Artisans Hand" are proposed to be 6.5" tall, and "Craft Gallery" about 3" tall.

Ms. George reviewed the criteria (please see recommendation form).
The DRC recommended approval of the design review application as submitted, 3/0.

Minutes

The reviewed the minutes from Oct 21, 2003. The following changes were suggested.

- 1) page 1, 4th paragraph under 146 Main Street, Mr. Everett suggested she ~~look into~~ consider another roofing material made from recycled tires that replicates slate.
 - 2) page 2, bottom of the page, ...and if demolition is the recommended outcome on the rear that as much of the historic fabric as possible be salvaged for reuse.
 - 3) page 3, 2nd paragraph under 66-68 Main Street, "The" should be revised to "he."
 - 4) page 4, last paragraph, Mr. Staudinger financial consultant,...
- The minutes of October 21,2003 were approved 3/0 with the above noted changes.

The committee reviewed the minutes from May 25, 2004. The following changes were suggested.

- 1) The meeting was brought to order at 5:55 pm and 6:55 pm.
- 2) page 2 top of the page removal of the word "better" and add at the end of the sentence to mimic the building roof lines.
- 3)on the bottom of page 2, Members expressed their view that the DRB's discussion was unreasonable ... power saw noise at 154 Main Street.

The minutes from May 25, 2004 were approved 3/0 with the above noted changes.

The June 8th meeting minutes were tabled.

Comments from Chair

Ms. George asked staff to conduct research on the sign approval for 15 State Street. Ms. George noticed additional signage was installed without DRC approval.

Ms. Lane asked about the reserved parking signs at 535 Stone Cutters Way. Wouldn't those signs need to go through the review process. Ms. Smith said she would look into these items and that she would bring it to the attention of the Administrative Officer.

The committee discussed meeting earlier in the day. The committee agreed to meet at 5:30 p.m. Staff will look into initiating the change.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. Smith
Planner