

Montpelier Design Review Committee
March 8, 2005
Held on March 9, 2005
Memorial Room, City Hall

Subject to Review and Approval

Present: Eric Gilbertson; Stephen Everett, Vice Chair; Vicki Lane, Soren Pfeffer, and Guy Tapper
Staff: Stephanie Smith, Administrative Officer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Everett. He stated for the record that the March 8, 2005 meeting was postponed to Wednesday, March 9, 2005.

I. Design Review Sign Permit

Property Address: 68 Main Street
Applicant: Kelly Sullivan
Zone: CB-I/DCD

- Installation two (2' x 6') elliptical signs within the sign band. Both businesses are proposed to be accessed through the same entrance.

Interested Parties: Kelly Sullivan, Stephanie Hughes, and Martin Kemple

Mr. Everett explained that the Design Review Committee was advisory to the Development Review Board..

Ms. Sullivan explained the retail businesses that she and her partner, Stephanie Hughes are opening within what was The Country Store. She stated that the specific proposal before the Committee is for the installation two (2' x 6') elliptical signs within the sign band. She explained that the proposed background color of the Athena's sign, "Carmine," was closer in shade to the existing awning on the building. The Splash Naturals background color had changed from what was proposed. It is now proposed to be "Ivory" and not a shade of "Aqua". Ms. Sullivan distributed the new color copies of the proposed Splash Naturals sign.

Mr. Gilbertson asked if the signs are meant to be centered over the storefront windows. Ms. Hughes said yes that was the case. Ms. Lane asked if the lights were also proposed to be moved. Mr. Everett pointed out to the Committee that the application said that the lights were proposed to be moved. The applicant agreed that the lights would be centered over the signs.

Ms. Smith asked what the wattage of the lamps in the fixtures are proposed to be. Ms. Hughes said that they didn't want anything too bright, 60 watts seemed appropriate. Mr. Everett concurred, and said that the glossy paint and a bright light might create hot spots on the proposed signs and make them difficult to read. But he said that they could have what was previously approved for The Country Store or 60 watt lamps. Ms. Smith said she would need to verify what was previously approved.

Ms. Smith asked the Committee to touch on the fact that the applicant was proposing a sign for a second story business within the sign band. The Committee felt that because both businesses would be accessed from the same door, the sign was proposed within the sign band, and that the businesses were sharing the occupied store front for both signs, that the signs were appropriate.

The Committee reviewed the criteria (please see recommendation sheet).

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Development Review Board approve the application as submitted with the clarification of placement of signs and location of light fixtures.

Other Business

- Approval of October 19, 2004 and February 22, 2005 meeting minutes.

The Committee thought they had already approved the October 19, 2004 minutes, and noted they were not in their packets.

The committee approved the February 22, 2005 (3/0 with Mr. Tapper and Mr. Pfeffer abstaining), with minor adjustments including the following.

That Ms. Lane wanted the minutes to reflect a discussion of the preservation of the arched windows on the 73 Main Street application. Mr. Gilbertson felt it was important to note that the DRC lacked application materials to make an appropriate decision on the replacement windows.

Ms. Lane also said there was discussion of the fact that the DRB would review noise and fumes during their review of the 623 Stone Cutters Way application, and that the Committee discussed the temporary ramp between trailer and the building.

The minutes were approved

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee decided to wait until they had the full membership to elect Chair and Vice Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. Smith
Administrative Officer