

Montpelier Design Review Committee
February 24, 2009
City Council Chambers, City Hall

Subject to Review and Approval

Present: Stephen Everett, Chair; Eric Gilbertson, Nancy Mears and Guy Tapper.
Staff: Clancy DeSmet, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Call to Order:

The February 24, 2009 meeting of the Montpelier Design Review Committee was called to order by Stephen Everett, Chair at 5:30 P.M.

I. State and Main Streets – CB-1/CB-II/RIV/CIV/DCD

Applicant: MDCA

Owner: City of Montpelier

Placement of recycling bins in multiple downtown locations

Interested party: Paul Carnahan, Chair of Design Committee of MDCA

Paul Carnahan, Chair of Design Committee of MDCA, said they were applying to put out some recycling cans similar in design to the current black metal trash cans out in the downtown. There are currently eight metal trash cans produced by Victor Stanley and they would like to add four more cans and purchase eight recycling cans. The recycling cans will be exactly the same as the trash, except the recycling cans will be a dark green color and have labeling that says "Recycling." There will be lettering on the metal band around the trash can and also a rain bonnet attachment on top. That will have a decal on the top that will also say "Recycling."

Mr. Carnahan said the company offers two green colors and they have chosen the darker color of forest green. The labels are fairly small and fit in with the design. They are not bolting signs to the outside of the container. They are also going to be purchasing rain bonnets for all of the trash cans. If they don't have enough money that will be the first to go.

Mr. Carnahan said the whole goal of this is obviously to introduce recycling downtown and get rid of some more of the plastic trash cans currently out there. They have been buying the black Victor Stanley trash cans a little at a time. They have made two purchases now and are adding to the city's collection. They have talked to the Department of Public Works and what they want to do is move the plastic ones further out to the periphery of the downtown, such as the bus stop and some of the locations that not in the core of the downtown, and have the black metal containers concentrated in the downtown. They have been talking with Todd Law from Public Works and hopefully they will have an agreement as to the placement of the containers.

Mr. Gilbertson inquired how many plastic containers were left.

Mr. Carnahan said he didn't know. They don't put them all out, and they have them in reserve for events.

Mr. Everett said he had a question about color. He wondered if the dark green and the black are distinguishing enough so people can immediately recognize the recycling from the trash.

Mr. Carnahan replied that is a potential issue. With the labeling it will be distinctive enough. If we are only depending on the color that might be a problem, but since they have the decals on them it will help.

Ms. Mears said all of the recycling containers are going to have the rain bonnets even if they don't have enough money to do the trash receptacles.

Mr. Carnahan replied that was correct. That helps limit the access to it so people aren't putting their household trash into the containers.

Mr. Everett said the other design issue is having the color clearly distinguishable so it doesn't look like they made a mistake.

Ms. Mears said she always thinks of the color blue for recycling.

Mr. Everett replied his recycling bins are green.

Mr. Carnahan said the recycling bins in offices are blue and residential are dark green.

Mr. Gilbertson inquired if the label would go all the way around the bin.

Mr. Carnahan replied yes. It should be pretty clear with the labeling.

The Design Review Committee reviewed the criteria and found it acceptable. The application was approved on a vote of 4 to 0.

Mr. Gilbertson said they could add a provision that additional matching receptacles could be added as needed for trash and recycling.

Approval of February 10, 2009 Minutes:

Upon motion from Mr. Gilbertson and Mr. Tapper, the minutes of the February 10, 2009 Design Review Committee were approved on a vote of 3 to 0.

Adjournment:

The Design Review Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Clancy DeSmet
Planning and Zoning Administrator