

Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting

May 28, 2013

Approved

Present: Steve Everett – chair, Jay White, Kate Coffey, Eric Gilbertson, Seth Mitchell, Dina Bookmyer-Baker - staff.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Steve Everett, Chair.

Comments from the Chair: The Chair explained the responsibilities of the committee to those in attendance.

Review of minutes from April 9, 2013 and April 23, 2013: Eric moved to approve the minutes as presented, Kate seconded the motion for April 9, Steve seconded the motion for April 23. The motion for both minutes was approved.

39 Main Street

Owner/Applicant: City of Montpelier

"City Hall" sign

Burtis Baker, from the building maintenance staff for the city. City Hall needs more prominent signage to distinguish it from the Lost Nation Theater. He is looking to the committee for help in what kind of sign would be acceptable. Most of the committee feels that any sign is damaging to the granite on the building and the preference is that there be no sign. There may need to have all parties who have space in City Hall who feel they need signage to coordinate an effort.

Eric made a motion that the City form a committee of interested parties to get together and decide on signage. Seth seconded, the motion passed unanimously with one member abstaining. Dina mentioned that the committee may be out of their purview to make a motion to tell the city what to do. Eric mentioned that it's been reviewed before and this wasn't actually an application.

17 Northfield Street

Owner: Central Vermont Community Land Trust Applicant: J. C. Myers, CVCLT

Replace foundation wall

There was no one present to explain the application.

32 East State Street

Owner/Applicant: Susan Book

Replace exterior door

The applicant was present. The replacement will be ADA compliant and compatible to the architecture of the building. There will be a light installed that will be close to or exactly like the design of existing lights.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

25 Cliff Street**Owner/Applicant: Arthur Foelsche
Replace demolished garden shed**

This one was tabled by the applicant until the next meeting.

112 Main Street**Owner: Raymond Alvarez Applicant: Lee Youngman, The Knitting Studio
Replace storefront awning**

The applicant was present. Otter Creek Awnings designed it. It will be mechanically cranked.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable. All were in favor of the application.

Various locations**Owner: Various Applicant: Teen Center/Ned Castle
Informal notice of outdoor public art exhibit**

Sara August, Tomas Rogel, and Ned Castle were present to explain the proposal. They will be up all at once for thirty days and will have an anti-bullying theme. Depending on what the business owners' preference is, they will be on the outside of the buildings or in the windows.

Since it was art and not signs, it doesn't need design review, it was more for information for the committee.

Main Street and State Street**Owner: City of Montpelier Applicant: Stephanie Olsen
Notice of public right-of-way improvements, installation of tree guards and tree grates.**

There were no details for the application and the applicant was not present.

Other business: The health inspector went up to the EconoLodge, which has been a concern of the committee. They have some planned renovations and have been notified they need to file applications before those renovations are done. The garbage pile there is not being diminished.

There was a discussion regarding thoughts on the new proposed zoning changes.

There is an office on Stone Cutter's Way that the committee was concerned that landscaping was done and bright yellow generator was installed that didn't get design review. Dina checked the file and the site. The generator was part of the prior design review and a color wasn't specified. Jay mentioned that he feels the committee can request they screen it in. Dina will send a letter requesting they paint the generator and screen in the electrical items.

The next meeting is June 11 in City Council Chambers.

Adjournment: Seth made a motion to adjourn, Jay seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary