

HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Special Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2020 @ 10:00 am ~ Zoom Video Meeting

Roll Call: Robbie Brown, Judy Williams, Marilou Suszko, Susan Cairns. Not present:
B. Miklos

Guests: Mayor Forthofer

R. Brown, Chairperson called the special meeting of May 4, 2020 to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

*(Commercial) 5289-5296 Liberty Avenue – Liberty Avenue Properties, #1, LLC
(Siding, Gutters, Landscaping)*

Jim Creech and Mike Cachat, Co-Owners explained they have reviewed the colors palettes provided by the board and are looking to use storm cloud on the building and tri-corn black on the roof.

M. Suszko felt they were back to where they started and feels she may be outnumbered. She felt like they were a little bit back to black and white. She feels that Benjamin Moore and Sherwin Williams gives three color coordinates, so if they're talking about the three, she defers to the experts. She sent the board the color palette they picked out and warned them about using black because it shows every flaw. Her preference would be to possibly tone that down into the charcoal family. She also provided another color palette from the seaport palette. She understands they are leaning towards the grey and she would like them to look at this palette as she is trying to get away from the connection they have to the Lagoons since they are part of the Harbortown area. They have a distinct look but can't really say they have a distinct color palette. She is just asking if they would consider swapping out the tri-corn black to something that has more of the blue undertones as their storm cloud has blue undertones and she feels they would be happier in the long run with something this is more muted, as opposed to the traumatic tri-corn black.

Jim Creech said he can appreciate not wanting to go the stark black and assured the board they're off the Lagoons route. He said the board had talked about wanting to make this more walkable to downtown, but right now there really isn't anything in that area that people will want to walk through. There are no retail stores, other than Dominoes and Moes Marine if they sell boat parts. They're trying to differentiate the fact that this is a retail store that is open if they're walking across. He said these are muted colors and understands they want their building to fit in. He will take the charcoal idea into consideration, but when looking up and down the street, it's very muted. He said Domino's pizza doesn't fall into the color category. They want to differentiate their building from boat warehouses and marina supply stores, and they feel using stormy cloud blue is a happy middle ground from the color palette provided to them.

M. Suszko said she's only one vote on the board and they want to make this stretch along Liberty Avenue walkable including whatever business is going into their building. She said Moes is a retail store and the hope will be an important link of where traffic stops along Liberty Avenue, and he's trying to continue that with his retail space. They want to increase the foot traffic outside the area toward their store.

Mayor Forthofer said they can paint the buffer posts white in front of their store after checking into it.

J. Williams thanked them for taking M. Suszko's suggestion from the other night as she respects her knowledge and opinion highly. It seems to her they can approve the recommendation and if he tweaks it a little bit that would be acceptable. She would approve what he suggested today, with the possible tweaking according to M. Suszko's suggestion of the roof color being done in the charcoal family. J. Creech said this would be acceptable as they want it to look like a roof, so charcoal would be acceptable to them. M. Cachat asked what is approved in the charcoal family. M. Suszko said what she sent in the pdf was Roycroft Mist, Rock Bottom Gray, etc. which has more of a blue/grey undertone, and she offered another color palette with a lot of the grays as they seem to be leaning toward the gray tones. M. Cachat asked for the vote on the color palette and the consideration of the color palettes for the roof.

J. Williams MOVED: S. Cairns seconded to approve the color choices resubmitted by the applicants as discussed above, including suggested colors from the color palette provided to the applicants by M. Suszko in a pdf for the roof color (charcoal family). Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

R. Brown adjourned the meeting upon no further action.

Transcribed by: Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk