

HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2022

Roll Call: Robbie Brown, Brenda Miklos, Judy Williams, Marilou Suszko, Judy Doll

Present: Pat Stein, Council Representative; Mayor Forthofer, Guest

CALL TO ORDER:

Robbie Brown, Chairwoman called the meeting of June 1, 2022, to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Williams MOVED; J. Doll seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2022. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

P. Stein explained herself and apologized if she offended anyone at last month's meeting. She was trying to be helpful by saying that she would be happy to meet with new business owners. She didn't mean that the Historic Board was not doing their job but wanted them to know she was here and if anyone has questions or problems, they could come to her on how to go about getting permits. She understands it is complicated when someone is putting a business together and very often you don't think about everything that is required. R. Brown said the board appreciated her comments.

(Arrival of Marilou Suszko)

R. Brown thanked Melanie Wood for filling in for Gwen Fisher during her absence as she did a great job.

NEW BUSINESS:

(Residential) Applicant: Michael Harris – 783 Sandusky Street (Windows, Trim, Fence, Exterior Painting)

Michael Harris explained he recently purchased property at 783 Sandusky Street and showed board members pictures of the exterior home. He said the intent is to paint the main house in Indigo Blue SW and the trim in Alabaster White SW (color samples were provided).

J. Doll asked if the actual sashes would remain white. M. Harris said they will paint them Alabaster as well. J. Doll said sometimes it is nice to leave them white. She suggested to experiment with leaving them white until all the painting is done to decide whether he likes it or not, and it might save them some time and money. She

said she did several houses and left the white and then did the soft white around it, and it was very pretty.

B. Miklos MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to approve the improvements as described above. Roll Call 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

OLD BUSINESS:

(Residential) Applicant: Denis Greg – 791 Main St. (Windows)

Applicant was not in attendance, application permanently removed from agenda.

(Residential) Applicant: Kody Herchler – 737 Perry St. (Emergency Roof Repair)

K. Herchler noted this issue was an emergency roof repair that had been completed by the roofer. No further action was required.

(Residential) Applicant: Kody Herchler – 780 Main Street (Roofing, Siding, Gutters, Doors, Windows, Exterior Painting)

K. Herchler explained the repairs are for the Carriage House on the back property as it is dilapidated, so his intent is to finish it to match the existing house that has grey/taupe colored vinyl siding and white trim. He would like to match the Carriage House colors with the main house if it can be salvaged. He will have an engineer look at the structure to make sure it is sound. R. Brown commended him for not wanting to rip it down. M. Suszko asked if the Carriage House roof will match the house as well. K. Herchler concurred it will match it exactly.

J. Williams thought his application indicated he was redoing the steps of the exterior and it does appear they need to be replaced. K. Herchler said his intent is to fix those as well. However, the application listed his intent as redoing the shed rather than the steps.

R. Brown MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to approve the improvements as described above. Roll Call 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Commercial) Applicant: Main Street Vermilion – Main St. (Signage)

M. Suszko asked for this matter to be tabled until a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

(Residential) Applicant: Dan Pryor – 5743 Lake Street (Cupola)

Dan Pryor asked for approval on a Cupola he wants to build on top of his garage. He said he found a copper sailboat, so he decided to build a Cupola. He said last fall

he received approval on his window replacements and a new roof, so this will go along with the new roof that he will be installing very soon.

R. Brown said she knows his work very well, which is beautiful, and the boat is fabulous. J. Williams said as his next-door neighbor she has been able to see the sailboat and Cupula and it's gorgeous.

J. Doll asked what the overall dimensions were of his building. D. Pryor said the building is 22' D x 24' W (north to south).

J. Williams MOVED; R. Brown seconded to approve the Cupula as described and shown in the pictures as provided to the board members. Roll Call Vote 5 YEAS.
MOTION CARRIED.

(Commercial) Applicant: Jeremy Crawford – 5542 Liberty Avenue (Fence)

Jeremy Crawford said he started putting up his fence until he heard from the building inspector that he needed to appear before the board, so he ceased work. He said the fence was more of just a maintenance issue as the fence got pushed over from patrons next door, and he did not want to fall out of compliance with the liquor department, especially going into a holiday weekend. He explained that he did not change the footprint or the structure of how it was mounted. It has the same dimensions.

R. Brown said she was glad he did fix the fence. J. Crawford said the fence recently got hit again and it couldn't stay up, so it was a maintenance issue.

J. Doll asked if there was any way to work with the neighboring business to get them to move the bump stops back. J. Crawford said he asked three years ago, but never got anywhere with it, but since this portion of the hard-panel fence went up, the cars are now parking about 3' back, so it doesn't appear to be a problem.

M. Suszko said the fence doesn't appear to be replaced, but new because originally, he just had stanchions. J. Crawford said it was a plastic chain. M. Suszko asked who designed this. J. Crawford said he just replaced post by post. R. Brown asked what he was thinking of doing on the top part of the fence. J. Crawford said there was cable there before, which held the string lighting for the patio, so he would like to put some hanging baskets in between each one. He noted this is treated lumber. J. Doll said in order to paint the fence he will need to wait a year to let it age. J. Crawford said he was hoping to match the interior wall color with a honey stain and clear coat, but he was open to suggestions. J. Doll said the wood would need to weather first, so the substance won't impede the adherence. R. Brown advised him to check with the company where he purchased the treated lumber to ask them about this.

B. Miklos said from the photos provided she sees lattice in the back of the neighboring property, so maybe he may want to put a small, paneled lattice on top that may finish it nicely and may give them a little more privacy. J. Crawford said he can discuss this with his business partner and if they choose to do this they would come back before the board. J. Doll agreed with this idea and concept of relating to this detail.

J. Crawford said he didn't notice in the building department there were any flyers or curriculum for the Historic Design and Review as the application said to grab a pamphlet, but there were not any. G. Fisher said the building department may have them in the department rather than on the wall in the lobby.

R. Brown MOVED; B. Miklos seconded to approve the fence as described currently. Roll Call Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Commercial) Applicant: Main Street Vermilion – Main Street (Signage, Exterior Paint)

M. Suszko explained that Main Street Vermilion's intent is to do some major façade work outside at Main Street, which includes painting and replacing the signage, and they are going to implement a new landscaping plan. The intent is to paint the front and sides of the building, which will be a color match (bluish/grey will remain). They also need approval for the sign in front of the building. They will be replacing the big letterboard with just an oval sign with their logo, which will be located within the new landscaping. The sign will be up lit (48" W). The electrical box on the front property will be relocated up against the building. She noted they will talk about exterior accent colors later.

J. Williams MOVED; B. Miklos seconded to approve the sign and exterior painting of the building as described above. Roll Call 4 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Suszko). **MOTION CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Brown adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

@ Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion