

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Mayor Breunig, Don Osterday, Erin Gallagher, Jeremy Williams and Dave Meister. Excused absence: Kerry Black and Deb Pickett. Also present were: Dave Gough, Cindy Corley, Steve Pickett, Brian Lund, Maria del Carmen Cordero and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Williams second by Meister that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Gallagher second by Meister to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Jeremy Williams reported that the new operators of the restaurant building at 128 Main Street submitted a sign permit to the City Office on Monday afternoon. It was too late to amend the agenda and notify all the Plan Commission members, so they were told the matter will be reviewed at the December 5, 2017 Plan Commission meeting. The trouble is they plan on opening the restaurant prior to that meeting, and would like the signs in place when they open. Jeremy then suggested in matters related to sign colors and building façade colors; those matters could be approved by the Chamber / Main Street Director. That Director has possession of the suggested color book, and needs to approve the color schemes prior to Plan Commission review. Color approval could be done faster than waiting for the next Plan Commission meeting.

Several Plan Commission members responded to Jeremy Williams' comments. Discussion items included the following:

- The Plan Commission is a committee of the City Council, and is governed by City ordinances and State Statutes. The Chamber/Main Street Director is not governed by those same requirements.
- The Plan Commission should remain the final say on color selection for the downtown design district as stated in City ordinances.
- Building owners need to be informed of the approval process, and follow the process prior to completing the work.
- The Chamber/Main Street Director and City Office personnel need to work together regarding these requests.

After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to keep the current process for sign and color scheme approval by the Plan Commission. In order to facilitate the sign approval for the operators of the restaurant building at 128 Main Street, a Plan Commission meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the building façade construction and painting scheme from Maria del Carmen Cordero, for her building located at 408 Main Street. A copy of the zoning permit application from Maria Cordero was included in the agenda packet.

Actual color samples were reviewed by Plan Commission members at this meeting. Maria Cordero attended the meeting to present her request and answer questions. It was reported the Chamber/Main Street Director had reviewed and approved this application as presented. After review and consideration, motion by Williams second by Gallagher to approve the building façade construction and painting scheme from Maria del Carmen Cordero for her building located at 408 Main Street as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Williams second by Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer