



Main Street Design Committee

Minutes

February 24, 2022

8:00am

Members Present: Bill Morris, Shanna Goldenstein, Connie Thurman, Jayme Chapin

Members Absent: Aaron Wells, Shane Scott, Mark McCollum

Staff Present: Rob Cooper, city planner

Members of the Public: Tracey Eberhart, Jeff Eberhart, Robert Webber, Jennifer Penner

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Bill Morris at 8:00am.

Minutes: Cooper stated there were no meeting minutes from the last meeting of March 4, 2021.

All in attendance self-introduced.

Business Item #1:

Exterior window replacement at 433 N. State Street. Applicant: Tracey Eberhart.

Cooper recapped staff report.

Committee members discussed window upgrades and verified the locations of various windows. Bill Morris had concerns regarding the size and shape including the muntins in the new windows. Morris pointed to Section 14-130 of the design ordinance stating the window size and shape should be retained. Cooper explained the city review process and/or the need for building inspections department review. Minor projects such as window and door replacement does not require the submittal of plans or the review by the city building inspector. Cooper stated it appears there is a gap in communication between property owners/applicants and city staff when work is being proposed.

Tracey Eberhart defended the type of windows she used to replace the original fire damaged ones.

Discussion occurred about how to help future applicants move forward in gaining the proper information regarding the specific design criteria. It was further discussed, the applicants should contact Jayme Chapin at Downtown Augusta, Inc. for assistance.

Jayne agrees that better communication is needed. Connie concurred, adding the Committee needs to follow its own rules.

Bill Morris once again stressed his opposition to the type of replacement windows as proposed by Tracey Eberhart, insisting the windows be removed and replaced with windows that match the original historical features.

Bill Morris moved to deny to new window design and requested the windows be replaced.
– no one seconded; motion failed.
Connie Thurman moved to approve the new windows.
Jayme Chapin seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

Business Item #2:

Change the color to the exterior building façade at 110 E. 5th Street. Applicant: Jennifer Penner. Cooper recapped staff report. Jennifer explained her business plan a use for the building. Should went into detail as to way she wanted the exterior façade painted, which is to match her brand of color and match her business logo. She expressed her desire to replace the existing wall hung mailbox which would have her business logo and design. She also requested to place a “projection” type sign, approximately sized 16”x16” above the main entry door, which will be approximately ten-feet (10’) above the sidewalk. In the future, she would like to place a “green” city bench along her store front. Jayme Chapin stated, that before Jennifer moves forward with the bench, she would need to come back before the Main Street Design Committee for further review and approval.

Bill Morris moved to approve, seconded by Connie.
Motion passed.

Adjourn:

Jayme moved to adjourn at 8:59 am; motion was seconded by Morris. Motion carried without opposition.

/s/ Rob Cooper