



DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Todd Boyer (Chair), Christine Iman, John Rucker, Tim Dawson, Jim Cron

Absent: Nate Byrum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Design Review Board-Regular Meeting- July 28, 2021

Motion to approve the Design Review Board-Regular Meeting- July 28, 2021 meeting minutes by Mr. Rucker, seconded by Mr. Cron. 5 yeas, 1 abstained.

COMMUNICATION

Planning & Zoning- Ms. Brill

The Uptown Streetscape project on Main Street has been awarded and work should begin soon.

A change is proposed for Design Review Board ordinances. The two changes that Council is looking at is a change in the length of time for the appeal process, and the language regarding appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. COA-21-16: 132 N. Chillicothe Street; Certificate of Appropriateness; Outdoor Patio Fence; Applicant: Tim Dawson

The applicant has withdrawn this application.

NEW BUSINESS

COA-21-18: 127 W Main St; Certificate of Appropriateness; Wheelchair Ramp Railing; Applicant: Ina Medici

The applicant has filed an application for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to allow for a railing to be installed to accompany the future wheelchair ramp in front of Rummel Brill Insurance. The applicant proposes to install a concrete wheelchair ramp, to accommodate for ADA. The ramp will be accessible from the west (towards the alley) with a step on the east side (toward N. Chillicothe St). Staff believes the size of the ramp and the railing are compatible with the current building features. If the ramp is removed in the future, the features of the building will remain intact.

Mr. Dawson asked about the appropriateness of the ramp. Ms. Brill responded that the building department has been working with the owner on the ramp guidelines, and the railing is what is under review tonight. The business has not been required to install the ramp. Mr. Dawson believes that the building already has ADA access in the rear and would like the Board to consider whether a front ramp is appropriate. Mr. Medici, the building owner, responded that the streetscape plans are hopefully alleviating steps from other buildings. Currently, customers at the business lean on glass to get up the step, and this is a safety issue. The sidewalk cannot be sloped due to the building features. Mr. Dawson emphasized that the building current already has ADA access.

Mr. Rucker does not have an issue with the building, even though the frontage will be on Main Street. Mr. Cron asked if the other buildings will need to follow along if this ramp is installed. Ms. Brill responded that no, other buildings will not be required to install ramps.

Mr. Medici explained that the current ADA ramp leads into the business and kitchen portion of the building and is not feasible for customers. The ramp leads into a current alley, which Council plans to close to traffic, but will not vacate to the property owner.

Mr. Boyer thinks the ramp is bigger than the railing or the construction. The alley will be disturbed and there are other ADA variables that must be considered but aren't in the application. The building does have ADA access in the rear, so the ramp is not required. The railing is appropriate, but the ramp may not be at this time.

Mr. Medici emphasized that the building department has already authorized the installation of the ramp, and the Board is reviewing the handrail. He already has approved plans from the building department. Mr. Dawson reminded that the Board required him to submit full plans for appropriateness in his previous applications. He would like to see another way to accomplish this plan and believes that the ramp needs Design Review Board approval. Mr. Medici explained that he considered multiple ways to accomplish ADA access.

Ms. Brill explained that zoning approval has not been issued. She will check in on if the board can weigh in on safety and accessibility. This application is predicated on a vacation or closing of the alley.

Ms. Iman asked if this project is different than a patio because it has to do with accessibility. Mr. Rucker would like to see a rendering for this application, as has been required for previous applications.

There was some further discussion about the railing and whether the board can consider the ramp since it is in front of the building on Main Street.

Mr. Medici would like to complete this project as the streetscape project is completed.

Mr. Rucker motioned to approve COA-21-18 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Cron.

Yay – Rucker, Cron

Nay – Iman, Boyer, Dawson

Motion does not pass.

The applicant can resubmit or appeal the decision. The board would like to see a rendering of the project, as well as the ADA regulations that make this compliant.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Grainery-Winter Patio & The Silo-Exterior Stairs

Mr. Dawson presented a rendering that has been reviewed by the Fire Department for the awning on the side of the building. He is not presenting an application but is just having the Board consider the proposal. The current awning will be removed, and a new fabric awning will be installed with zip windows. The Main Street Treasures awning will be replaced as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.