**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 14, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

**RAVENNA CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Rick Hawksley called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Cliff Soudil – present

Ted Manfrass – absent

Patrick Madonio – absent

Rick Hawksley – present

Angie Reedy – present

Diana Kane – present

Eric Hummel – present

Larry Silenius (resident)

**Approval of September 9, 2021, minutes:** Eric Hummel made the motion for approval. Diana Kane seconded the motion. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance 1434:**

* Bob Finney – Council meeting – continued to discuss changes and then decided to solicit a firm to look over our Ordinance & Guidelines and see what it would cost to modify, re-write, etc. The comment that Rob Kairis and Andrew Kluge made was that Kent was going through this. They were going to reach out to the same company and see what their charge is.
* Cliff Soudil – Follow Kent on what they’re doing. Separate economic to historic by who they hire or is there someone out there who does both.
* Diana - Was at the meeting as well & was representing the Ravenna United Fund, and this would help the Ravenna Design Review and create more interest in the whole town. Thinks it would boost the moral in town. If it goes to Council again, she feels that the Design Review should be there and Bob agreed with her.
* Eric - Asked if Council any other questions about the make-up of the Design Review. Any critique they could think about and respond to. Asked Julie Ring, if she could let them know when there’s going to be a discussion on the DRC at the Council meetings.
* Rick - Asked if there was any other discussion.
* Mayor Seman - a. Stated that Jason Kentner was originally hired for a landscape architect.

b. Council discussed the 1434 changes and is sending it back to the committee for anyone who wants to be heard. Mr. Calfee was ready to vote. Present it to council as 1 package with all the changes.

c. Would like them, Council, to approve what was already in place and then bring back the other to the next meeting.

d. It’s important how this gets put together & presented.

e. Committee was put together to protect the architecture of the valuable homes if Ravenna.

f. The city will check with the consultant, maybe $10 – 15K. Have to check into that.

g. Brian Huff, our Finance Director who also works for Kent, is going to check into things with Kent and see what the cost is.

h. Get this wrapped up & move on with regular business.

i. Would like to get the DRC in order, make your case, vote and move on.

j. There are groups that are counting on the marketing & the identity of Ravenna because of the Design Review.

**Design Review Guidelines:**

* Rick – Assuming that everything the Mayor just said and them hiring someone, it would a futile exercise for the Design Review Commission to start tinkering with it now. He’s open to any thoughts anyone has, but that’s just his opinion.

**Commissions expiring:**

* Julie - Had mentioned about 5 commissions that are expiring at the end of the year and stated that she would like to know who’s planning on staying and who Mayor Seman would need to find a replacement for.
* Eric – Said that he believes that the Design Review is the only committee that has members outside of the city. He thinks it’s wonderful to have a little bit of a voice in the city government from outside of the city for people, like himself, who are making big investments here. Hope s that things will go back to Council and keep the commission here. He then spoke up and stated that he would like to stay on.
* Diana – Stated that she feels that if you have interest in the city and property, then you should be able to serve on this board.

**Public comment:**

There was no public comment.

Eric made a motion to adjourn. Diana seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Prepared by Julie Ring