

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 20, 2023
10:00 A.M.
RAVENNA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Ted Manfrass called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ted Manfrass – present
Angie Reedy – present
Patrick Madonio – absent
Eric Hummel – absent
Diana Kane – present
Cliff Soudil – present
Lou Dudek - present

Bob Finney (Chairman)
Larry Silenius (resident)
Linda Nichols (LAD signs)
Frank Seman (Mayor)

Mr. Dudek made motion to excuse Mr. Hummel & Mr. Madonio. Mr. Soudil seconded. All Ayes.

Approval of June 22, 2023, minutes: Ms. Reedy made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Manfrass seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Vote: Mr. Manfrass – Yes
Ms. Reedy – Yes
Mr. Madonio – absent
Mr. Hummel – absent
Ms. Kane – Yes
Mr. Soudil – Yes
Mr. Dudek - Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

200 W. Main (façade improvements):

- Mr. Dudek tabled the application due to no one being at the meeting to represent. Mr. Soudil seconded. All Ayes.

Vote: Mr. Manfrass – Yes
Ms. Reedy – Yes
Mr. Madonio – absent
Mr. Hummel – absent

Ms. Kane – Yes
Mr. Soudil – Yes
Mr. Dudek - Yes

263 W Main – (signage – presented by Linda Nichols with LADD Sign and Lighting):

- Ms. Nichols:
 - a. White-cut vinyl has already been placed on the door
 - b. Make panel match the other tenants and it will be an aluminum composite sign above doorway on the brick area. Will use tools to hang the sign by drilling into the mortar joints so as to not damage the brick.
 - c. Same type ECM panel that has the height & letters which will be a full digital print on it.
 - d. Wanting approval to mount the sign above the door.
 - e. Sign will we two (2) different shades of blue on white with a border.
 - f.

Mr. Dudek made motion to accept the application as presented. Ms. Kane seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Vote: Mr. Manfrass – Yes
Ms. Reedy – Yes
Mr. Madonio – absent
Mr. Hummel – absent
Ms. Kane – Yes
Mr. Soudil – Yes
Mr. Dudek - Yes

Legislature for Guidelines/CLG Grant:

- Mr. Finney:
 - a. Packet from the state has been received to move forward with consultant.
 - b. Approved \$18,000
 - c. City Council had previously approved \$12,000.
 - d. Moving it to City Council to accept and approve Mayor Seman to sign the document.
 - e. City Council and Design Review had previously approved Perspectus.
 - f. Perspectus is working on a contract specifically to our needs. They are going to address Economic Development.
 - g. Perspectus had already been approved by vote and hoping to move this forward.
- Mr. Soudil:
 - a. His only fear, because he thought that CT Consultants was better, is that Perspectus is an architectural firm and when interviewed, they sidestepped every question about anything to do with our businesses down there.
 - b. He fears some of that because business is important downtown here and he hopes that Perspectus falls through and hopes that they talk about the businesses and interview those businesses and see what they think about this to make the growth downtown.
- Mr. Silenius:
 - a. Perspectus is a company that is an architect company. CT Consultants is an Economic Development company. Would like the Design Review Commission, DRC, to change their recommendations.

- b. Feels that if all the empty storefronts and rent paying businesses..... property owners would have more money to properly maintain the historic buildings.
 - c. Hoping that the DRC would like to know what could be done differently so more people would like to shop and do business in Ravenna.
 - d. Asking the DRC to reconsider their recommendation to council.
 - e. CT could provide some useful suggestions.
- Mr. Soudil:
 - a. Put a motion on the floor to revote and who wants to go with Perspectus or CT Consultants.
 - Mr. Seman:
 - a. Need to check with Mr. Cimino, the Law Director, before anything is changed.
 - b. The council will not vote on anything without a contract.
 - Mr. Soudil:
 - a. Rescinded his motion.

Old Business:

None

Public comment:

None.

Mr. Finney suggested that the Design Review maybe does a tour like Salem does with their historic homes. Salem also does an Underground Railroad tour.

Ms. Kane moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dudek seconded the motion. All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Prepared by Julie Ring