

Design Review Board
Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2017

Members Present: Louann Artiaga, Lonnie Prince, and Jeff Yoder. Others present: Ellen Tipping, Michelle Roush, Kim Plymale, Amanda Bialecki, and Barbara Knisely, Community Development Coordinator.

Chair Lonnie Prince called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Louann Artiaga moved to approve the Minutes from May 4, 2017, meeting. Seconded by Jeff Yoder. Motion carried 3 Ayes

The first agenda item was to review new paint colors for the building at 6778 Providence Street. Michelle Roush stated that unfortunately she didn't know about the approved color charts when she gave Ms. Knisely the color swatches she was proposing. She went on to describe that she had done research and that there was psychology behind her color choices and that certain colors promote impulsivity and freedom when people walk by. She also feels that the use of three colors suggests light heartedness and fun.

Chair Prince asked Ellen Tipping, as the owner of the building, if she had approved the colors and she responded yes.

Mr. Prince asked for discussion from the Board members. He stated that a couple of the colors are close to some on the approved color pallet. Louann Artiaga stated that Ms. Roush should have waited until tonight before painting the building to see if the colors were approved. Mr. Yoder agreed that they are close, but not as subdued as the approved colors. On the application that Michelle Roush submitted to appear before the DRB, she stated she was going to paint the face of the building blue with green trim, but that was not what was done.

Ms. Roush said she went ahead and had the building painted because her dad was here visiting and it gave him something to do. She changed her mind on the wall color because she felt the blue was too dark and it made the front of the building look like a cave. Ms. Tipping added that with the regulations for paint manufacturers, the colors will darken over time.

Ms. Roush stated she has a retail store and she needs to bring in business and she's just trying to make the downtown look nice. She added that the building across the street from hers doesn't look nice with the chipping and peeling paint and broken concrete. Mr. Prince added that the color pallets were chosen to encourage a professional look in the downtown with the subdued colors. Ms. Roush stated she needs to bring people in and her colors evoke emotion, soft colors don't make sense in her business. Ms. Tipping added that they need to get attention at that corner, as people pull up to the 4-way stop and drive away without looking.

Mr. Prince stated that in his personal opinion those colors look out of place and added that he doesn't like the dark color that was placed on the building next to hers either. There was a brief discussion on the color of the building at 6776 Providence, which turned out to be darker than what was approved at the May meeting.

Ms. Roush was reminded that she has appeared before this Board in the past and should have known about the color pallet and need for approval. She denied knowing anything about the color pallet because she was there for signage approval and the placement of cut-out wooden flowers on the front of the building.

Mr. Yoder asked if she would consider repainting the building, and she responded that she would not repaint. Ms. Tipping, the owner of the building, said that she could not afford to repaint either.

The Board discussed whether they should table the decision so that further discussion and consideration could take place. Ms. Artiaga stated she did not feel the need to table it and Ms. Roush has made it clear that she will not consider repainting the building.

Motion by Louann Artiaga to deny the paint colors as submitted, seconded by Jeff Yoder. 3-0

Ms. Roush said that she will be requesting help from the Chamber of Commerce on this matter.

The next agenda item was to approve new paint trim colors from RAR Investments for the building that they recently purchased at 6726 Providence Street.

Kim Plymale stated they would like to paint all wooden trim (currently light orange) a tan color (SW7036 Accessible Beige) and the door on the Providence Street side black. She would also like to research who purchased the blue awning on the southeast corner of the building and see if they would agree to change the awning to black. There are also light fixtures on the exterior of the building that she would like to change to black.

Motion by Jeff Yoder to approve SW7036 Accessible Beige and black colors as submitted, allow the blue awning to be changed to black, and replace the old light fixtures with new black fixtures. Seconded by Louann Artiaga. 3-0

The third agenda item was to discuss new paint trim colors at 6776 Providence Street. The owner of this business was not in attendance, so the matter was not discussed.

Motion by Louann Artiaga to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Yoder. 3-0 Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Amanda Bialecki, owner of 6776 Providence Street arrived at 6:56. Motion by Louann Artiaga to reconvene the meeting, seconded by Jeff Yoder. 3-0

Ms. Bialecki stated that she would like to change the orange/coral color currently used on the trim to a grey color to tone it down a bit. She added that new windows were recently installed by the building owner and the trim around the windows was painted white, which she would like to keep white.

Some discussion was had on the dark turquoise/aqua color that the building had been painted by the prior business owner in May. The Design Review Board members told her that was not the color that they approved. She was unaware of that since she was not the owner.

Ms. Tipping asked if she had any of the paint left and if she would consider painting the edges on the north and south side of the front façade, as they had not been painted in May.

Motion by Jeff Yoder to approve changing the orange trim to “SW6234 Uncertain Grey” and leaving the trim around the windows white, seconded by Louann Artiaga. 3-0.

Motion by Louann Artiaga to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Yoder. 3-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Knisely
Community Development Coordinator