

City of Findlay Design Review Board

Third Floor Conference Room, Municipal Building
Wednesday, November 8, 2023– 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present:

Heather Clow
Brian Hurt
Brad Wagner
Josette Brinkman
Eric Van Renterghem

Members Absent:

Tim Mayle
Charles Gerringer
Jeff Fort

Staff Attending:

Matt Cordonnier, HRPC Director
Laura Ewing, HRPC Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Matt Cordonnier called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Brian Hurt, Heather Clow, Brad Wagner, Josette Brinkman, and Eric Van Renterghem.

NEW ITEMS

- 1. Petition for Certificate of Appropriateness #CA-19-2023 filed by Peggy Dillion for Hot Yoga Findlay to approve signage at 330 S. Main St.**

GENERAL

The subject property is located at 330 S. Main Street.

PROPOSAL

- The applicant wishes to install a rectangle shaped white sign with green and blue raised lettering. Measurement is 48” x 26”. The sign is 8.68 ft.². The sign space allowed for that area is 20 ft.².

STAFF ANALYSIS

- The proposal is using an appropriately sized sign as well as appropriate coloring. Since this sign is at pedestrian level, we do not suggest that lighting be required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

HRPC Staff recommends approval of CA-19-2023 at 520 S. Main St.

2. Petition for Certificate of Appropriateness #CA-18-2023 filed by Adam Goodrich for Goodrich Myotherapy, LLC to approve signage at 330 S. Main Street.

GENERAL

The subject property is located at 330 S. Main Street.

PROPOSAL

- The applicant wishes to install a rectangle shaped white sign with green and black raised lettering. Measurement is 54” x 30”. The sign is 11.25 ft.². The sign space allowed for that area is 20 ft.².

STAFF ANALYSIS

- The proposal is using an appropriately sized sign as well as appropriate coloring. Since this sign is at pedestrian level, we do not suggest that lighting be required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

HRPC Staff recommends approval of CA-18-2023 at 520 S. Main St.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Fort motioned to adjourn. All members voted “yes” to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Van Renterghem asked if the address and building name would count towards the square footage allowed for signage.

Cordonnier stated that it is not counted as signage.

Wagner asked if the “Yoga” sign could be increased so that it is symmetrical as the “Therapy” sign.

Cordonnier stated it could be changed and still fall under the maximum square footage limit.

Brinkman stated that the signs are at their limits since they are sand blasted.

Cordonnier stated that since the signs are at pedestrian level that the lighting is not as critical as a second story sign.

Wagner motioned to approve the signs, seconded by Clow. All members voted “yes, the motion was approved.

Cordonnier stated that there was a late application submitted for a window cling sign and due to its simplicity could be reviewed today.

Brinkman stated that there is not final approval on what is going to be installed from the business owner, so there are some different possibilities, but that the weather is a factor in the urgency.

Van Renterghem asked about the scale.

Cordonnier felt that because of the transient nature of it the sign does not fall under the wall signage rules.

Ewing stated that window clings should not be over 35% and the proposed cling is certainly not over 35%.

Hurt asked if there is an application for it.

Cordonnier stated that it has not yet been submitted, but that with the time restraints on the weather and the simplicity that it could be reviewed today.

Hurt motioned to approve, seconded by Clow. Hurt, Wagner & Clow voted "yes", Van Renterghem voted "No", Brinkman "Abstained", the motion was approved.

Cordonnier displayed the updates on the Bindel's Appliance building that had been discussed at a previous meeting.

Cordonnier also discussed the update on the minimum maintenance at 300 W. Front St. A side window has been replaced. Wagner stated that we could send mail to ROSI in South Carolina.

Van Renterghem asked about the temporary sign at the deli.

Cordonnier stated that there is not a time limit on temporary signs currently, but there is an language that will change that in upcoming legislation. He also discussed that there are signs which are over the size limitations. After legislation they can apply for a variance if they want to replace it with a sign that's over the limit. Brinkman asked if the signs are grandfathered. Cordonnier explained that they are grandfathered, but if they want to replace it with a new sign they must follow the size guidelines or receive a variance.

Hurt stated that the arcade should have a permanent sign in place because they applied for one.

Cordonnier stated that he plans on contacting them about it in February.

Wagner stated that a building up for sale has a sign on the wall.

Cordonnier stated that there is a guideline for realty.

Cordonnier stated that the December meeting will include training from Heritage Ohio.

Wagner asked if we have been updated on any downtown projects.

Cordonnier stated that the Argyle building is moving forward. He stated that the Lincoln School project will be moving onto Planning Commission. It has not been sold as of now. He explained that it is planned be a mixed use area of mostly offices. He doesn't expect many exterior changes. They proposed buyers are looking into additional parking.

Van Renterghem motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hurt.