

**NASHVILLE DEVELOPMENT
REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009**

Commission members present: President David Martin, Vice-President Brenda Young, Member Merwin Bugher, Member Sean Cassiday, Member Warren Cole, Member Rosemary Saurer, and Member Suzannah Zody. **Commission members not present:** Member Bob Bain and Member June Bryan. Also in attendance – Chief Administrator Carr and Historical Landmarks Foundation Representative Laura Renwick.

REGULAR COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 6:00pm.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:** The roll was called by Chief Administrator Carr.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
Vice-President Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24th, 2009 meeting and the March 17th, 2009 meeting. Member Cole seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4) SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

A. THE SALVATION ARMY – DOCKET #09-06

The Salvation Army had a representative present to answer questions regarding their sign application. Vice-President Young asked the representative if they plan on the sign always being a banner or are they planning on making it a more permanent structure. The representative understood that it will always be a banner. Vice-President Young advised they would have to talk to Planning and Zoning or Town Superintendent Bush because she is not familiar with the regulations on the banners as they are usually a temporary type status. President Martin advised he called Planning and Zoning and the people he needed to talk to were out of the office today.

Since the Commission still has questions regarding the sign and what is allowable, Vice-President Young made a motion to table the sign application until the May 2009 meeting. Member Zody seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

B. THE DONUT DESTINATION – DOCKET #09-07

Chief Administrator Carr advised the owners were out of town and unable to attend this meeting. They hoped the information they submitted would be sufficient for approval and they currently have a fourteen day temporary sign license from Planning and Zoning for the sign currently displayed. Discussion. President Martin asked if the paper work was in order. Chief Administrator Carr advised Town Superintendent Bush has approved the application.

Member Cole noted the sign appears to fit in with various guidelines and since he has no particular questions he made a motion to approve the sign application based on the following guidelines: Si-1, Si-2, Si-3, Si-6, Si-7, Si-8, Si-11, Si-13 and Si-14. Vice-President Young seconded the motion. Historical Landmarks Foundation Representative Renwick asked about the reference of Si-11 in terms of materials and she asked if the sign had a relatively flat finish or is it fairly glossy. Member Saurer read from the application where it stated vinyl graphics and she surmised it would be a little glossy. President Martin noted the lettering did not reflect light in a mirrored fashion. Member Cole saw the

sign and it appears to fit in with the way most of the signs are around town. Member Zody also commented that the sign did not seem too glossy. President Martin asked for a vote on the motion and all were unanimously in favor.

C. FIRST MERCHANTS BANK – DOCKET #09-08

The representative from First Merchants Bank presented color pictures of their sign to the Commission for review. Vice-President Young asked if the entrance and exits signs had to be approved as well. Chief Administrator Carr noted those signs had been changed by removing the logo and therefore they are informational only. The bank was only allowed to apply for two signs and the bank wanted to apply for the sign above the entrance to the bank and the large sign on the corner.

President Martin asked if the signs were aluminum. Chief Administrator Carr did not believe the signs were made of aluminum. Vice-President Young asked if there would be any lighting on the signs. The representative stated there would not be any lighting on the signs. Member Cole noted the sign would be painted black and wondered if it would be a glossy black. The representative advised the black would not have a gloss to it and will have vinyl lettering on it. This is standard signage for the bank.

Vice-President Young made a motion to approve the sign application for the First Merchants Bank based on the following guidelines: Si-1, Si-2, Si-6, Si-7, Si-11, Si-12, Si-13 and Si-14. Member Bugher seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

D. BEAR HARDWARE – DOCKET #09-09

Curt and Penny Scroggins were present to represent their sign application. The Commission reviewed the color print of the proposed sign. Member Cole asked what the material Dibond was as that is what they indicated their sign would be made of. Mrs. Scroggins explained it is vinyl and they print on it with a type of printer that gives a depth to the sign making it appear as if the sign was carved. Mr. Scroggins noted it gives the effect of a three dimensional sign.

Member Saurer asked where this sign would be located. Mrs. Scroggins presented a photograph to the Commission members of the location of where she would like the sign placed. The area shown is located by the IGA and Comfort Inn signs. Mrs. Scroggins noted there will not be any lighting on the sign and the sign would be two sided.

Member Zody made a motion to approve the sign application based on the following guidelines: Si-1, Si-2, Si-6, Si-7, Si-8, Si-11, Si-13, Si-14 and Si-18. Member Cassidy seconded the motion. Member Cole asked if Si-17 was a part of the motion. Member Zody advised it was not. Member Cole read the definition of Si-17 to the Commission. Member Zody amended her motion to include Si-17 and Member Cassidy seconded the amended motion. All were unanimously in favor.

E. ART DÉCOR & MORE – DOCKET #09-10

Jake Duzan was present to discuss his sign application. Vice-President Young asked if Mr. Duzan had any samples of the color of his sign. Mr. Duzan advised he did not have sample colors but explained the background would be violet and the lettering will be yellow. He noted the violet would be more of darker lavender. The Commission showed the approved color palette that they primarily use for buildings but Mr. Duzan could use these color suggestions on his sign. Member Cassidy presented an additional paint color wheel for Mr. Duzan to review. Mr. Duzan picked the colors on the color wheel that represented what he had in mind for his sign. Discussion.

Member Saurer asked what the sign would be made out of. Mr. Duzan reported the sign would be made out of wood in a rectangular shape that is one sided. The sign he is requesting is single sided but he asked what would the requirements be if he wanted to change this to a two sided sign. President Martin explained that by ordinance they must look at the square footage of the sign to see what is allowable for his building. The Commission calculated the dimensions of Mr. Duzan's sign and he would be eligible to make this sign two sided. Commission President Martin suggested amending the application for a two sided sign and if he chooses to only do a one sided sign he may do so without having to come back before the Commission once again.

Member Cole made a motion to approve the sign based on the following guidelines: Si-1, Si-2, Si-6, Si-7, Si-8, Si-11 and Si-14. Vice-President Young seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

F. VINTAGE JEFFERSON STREET COLLECTIBLES – DOCKET #09-12

Randy Fries presented a photo to the Commission of what his sign would look like. Vice-President Young asked how the sign would be mounted. Mr. Fries explained he would like to post the two sided sign off the building in order to be seen from West Washington Street and Jefferson Street. The second sign he would like to mount on the building under the existing Barnyard Shoppe sign. Mr. Fries reported both signs would be made of wood.

Vice-President Young read from the application that the background color is black and the lettering is gold. Mr. Fries added he will have a red border with a green background. He will have to amend his application to redefine the colors. Mr. Fries noted the lighting on the building is not very good so he has taken it upon himself to get the lighting back up and he would also like to put up a double sided light (a gooseneck type) with a timer to shut it off at 11 p.m. Vice-President Young asked Mr. Fries to talk to Town Superintendent Bush about the light as the Town has a lighting ordinance. Mr. Fries noted he does not plan on putting on the light now and will talk to Town Superintendent Bush in the future.

Member Cole made a motion to approve the sign application based on the following guidelines: Si-1, Si-2, Si-6, Si-7, Si-8, Si-11 and Si-14. Member Cassiday seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Vice-President Young asked that Mr. Fries amend his application with the correct colors he will be using before he leaves the meeting.

G. EDEN OUTFITTERS – DOCKET #09-14

Kristin LaVere presented her sign application to the Commission. She explained the sign consists of their logo in white vinyl matte lettering as a window sign, similar to the way the fudge shop had their sign when they occupied the building. Ms. LaVere advised the size of the sign will be approximately two feet by four feet. Vice-President Young noted Town Superintendent Bush has approved the size of the sign.

Ms. LaVere explained they did notice there are hooks in front of the door for a sidewalk sign and they would eventually want to do a wooden sign there with their logo, however, at this time they are just looking for approval for the sign in the front corner window.

Vice-President Young made a motion to approve the application for Eden Outfitters based on the following guidelines: Si-1, Si-2, Si-6, Si-11 and Si-12. Member Cole seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Historical Landmarks Foundation Representative Renwick noted Ms. LaVere will still have eight square feet of signage available for an additional sign.

5) CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. MIKE POPE – 44 W. GOULD STREET – DOCKET #09-05

Chief Administrator Carr explained that Mr. Pope is in Europe at this time. Town Superintendent Bush advised Mr. Pope to provide all the information with his COA so that the Commission could review the application.

President Martin asked if any of the Commission members had questions regarding the application. President Martin questioned the placement of the building. Vice-President Young noted the building does not have a bottom in it and wondered about the foundation. President Martin contacted Planning and Zoning and was informed Mr. Pope would need a building permit even though it is not on a permanent foundation. Member Zody asked if there were color samples of the building. President Martin and Vice-President Young advised the house color was approved by the Commission and the additional building is to be the same color as the house. Historical Landmarks Foundation Representative Renwick questioned the orientation of the building. Discussion.

Member Zody made a motion to table application #09-05 until the next regular meeting in May and that Mr. Pope be provided with a list of the questions the Commission asked during the meeting. Chief Administrator Carr read a list of questions the Commission had: building permit from Planning and Zoning, colors and orientation of the building. Member Cole seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

B. STEVE ALEXANDER – BLUE ELK CROSSING

STATE ROAD 46 EAST – DOCKET #08-45

Steve Alexander explained after the site visit at the last meeting they discussed developing a landscape plan, second siding color and the details of the garden house elevations. He presented the landscape plans to the Commission.

Mr. Alexander explained they would only be removing a small triangular section of trees but throughout the rest of the property they will preserve the trees. He showed where the perennial planting beds will be located. Discussion of invasive plants and deer resistant plants. Mr. Alexander clarified the plant organizational concept, aside from the perennial beds, is to create a town square type of courtyard. They will also have flowering trees scattered around the perimeter to add color.

Mr. Alexander informed the Commission the annexation of the property has been approved by the Town Council. The fiscal plan was also approved by the Town Council. Mr. Alexander noted that he heard from Development Review Commission President Martin that he would like the buildings to be more Brown County/Nashville like. Mr. Alexander explained he was trying to have a town square feel with the courthouse and church element feeling in the buildings. He understood President Martin to be referencing the Artist Colony Inn type elements. Mr. Alexander presented sketches showing the buildings more “Brown County” like and explained the changes he made to the buildings. Member Zody asked if he changed the materials that he already proposed. Mr. Alexander advised he was using the same materials just shifting some of the architectural mass. Discussion. Mr. Alexander reported he is working with an advertising agency to develop their logo and signs. The signage will be made of polished granite and inlaid with the same materials as the buildings.

Member Cassiday asked what time frame Mr. Alexander is looking at to complete the entire project. Mr. Alexander advised they are looking at five to six years for the entire build out. The initial project,

phase one, should take approximately eighteen months. His goal is to break ground before winter and get it under roof by the middle of December.

Member Cassiday and Member Saurer voiced their pleasure with the new drawings Mr. Alexander presented to the Commission. Member Saurer asked if all the lighting will be focus down lighting. Mr. Alexander explained they will be using coach lantern lighting which is dim and discrete. President Martin noted this project is now a part of town and will follow the town's lighting ordinance.

President Martin commented he appreciated very much the work Mr. Alexander has done and finds this to be a very exciting project. President Martin noted it is still difficult for him to visualize the project until they see it in a three dimensional format. Mr. Alexander advised if they had a place with a large projection screen he could show it to the Commission. Member Zody noted the library has a large wall to do this on and Member Saurer commented the Lotus Petal Cinema has a screen. Mr. Alexander will advise the Commission when he has the three dimensional model ready for their review.

6) REPORT FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Chief Administrator Carr reported they approved in-house a sign application for Wooden Wonders & Firefly Dreams, LLC. She also noted they approved in-house a COA for roofing for Patricia Lloyd at 91 W. Mound Street.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Historical Landmarks Foundation Representative Renwick passed out handouts from the State Preservation Office.

President Martin commented that Historical Landmarks Foundation Representative Renwick has prepared a draft of an addition to the guidelines on public art. President Martin noted this topic has been brought up twice and he was surprised Mr. Alexander did not mention this as he is talking about putting a statue in the town square of his project. President Martin believes there may be another group in town that is also interested in placing some public art in different places in town. President Martin asked the Commission members if they would like to do anything with the draft or not but it is available for discussion at another time. Historical Landmarks Foundation Representative Renwick noted the intent of the guideline is not to regulate the content of public art but rather regulate the placement.

Member Zody asked where they would not want public art. Member Cole suggested some people find graffiti to be public art. President Martin noted this is more of a guideline that would address public art being placed in a problem area such as near a stop sign. Vice-President Young commented she is completely opposed to even considering this guideline. In her opinion they are still a young Commission adding they just had their guidelines reapproved and color palette approved by the Town Council. She feels they are an art community and wondered if anyone from the Commission requested this draft. President Martin explained he only talked to Historical Landmarks Foundation Representative Renwick about this draft. Vice-President Young knows as a Commission they have not discussed it and she feels they have a hard enough time getting people to understand what the Development Review Commission is all about. She does not want the newspapers saying they are going to regulate public art in Nashville and feels they need to be more versed in their current guidelines.

President Martin commented they may want to just drop these draft guidelines, but he has been asked what the Commission would do or what they are supposed to do with public art and he has not been

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able to answer that question. Vice-President Young noted the Commission has not been asked as a whole about this issue, only one person has been asked and she believes they should talk to Planning and Zoning to find out how they would regulate public art. Vice-President Young added they would probably need the Town Attorney's representation of the Town's own ordinances and see what the guidelines of the Commission are. President Martin commented if the Commission members read through the draft they would see it does not take it on. Vice-President Young commented that she is even opposed to the discussion of this item.

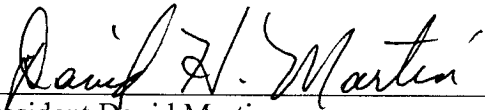
Member Zody added in her opinion for a government body to regulate types of art and expression makes her feel pretty bad and uncomfortable. President Martin explained that was his reasoning for doing anything with it, to in effect make a statement that the Commission does not want to govern art per se. Member Zody commented if there are issues like zoning, safety or vision issues a lot of that is covered by Planning and Zoning. President Martin commented that Member Zody had a good point and maybe they would want to drop it right now. Member Saurer added she thinks it is impossible to regulate public art, but placement is a consideration and if there is a body that works with placement and public safety this Commission will not have to do that. Member Saurer further noted she would like to encourage public art in Brown County in various ways so a discussion about what it is, how it can benefit them and who can participate is certainly worthwhile but she does not know if the Commission is the group to do that, furthermore, she does not think they are the ones to do that.

President Martin stated he did not think there would be anything wrong with entertaining a motion to drop the discussion if that is so desired. Vice-President Young made that motion. Member Zody seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

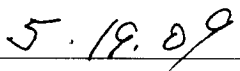
President Martin reported the Town Council approved the member Handbook and he is very pleased.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Saurer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Cole seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.



President David Martin



Date