

HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Robbie Brown, Judy Williams, Marilou Suszko. Absent: Brenda Miklos.

Robbie Brown, Chairwoman called the Wednesday, November 3, 2021 meeting to order.

She advised the board that Susan Cairns has resigned and thanked her for her time well served on the board.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

J. Williams MOVED, M. Suszko seconded to approve the meeting minutes of October 6, 2021. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS:

(Residential) Applicant: Jim & Jacquie Batchelder – 5841 Huron Street (Windows, Trim)

Jacquie Batchelder explained to the board they made a mistake in their remodel by putting in a door that opens in and out, but it needs to be slider. She provided a picture, and the board was pleased with her choice.

M. Suszko MOVED, J. Williams seconded to approve the application as submitted. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Residential) Applicant: Vincent & Susan Malaska – 5832 Liberty Avenue (Windows)

The homeowners explained their current proposal is to replace an existing window with a 5' sliding glass door. The door will lead to a deck that will be constructed in the spring of 2022. At a later date, a Certificate of Appropriateness will be presented for this new deck, plans to replace the existing siding and shutters, and construction of a rear access door leading to either a patio or deck. R. Brown said she was glad to see them making these changes.

R. Brown MOVED, M. Suszko seconded to approve the application as submitted to replace an existing window with a 5' sliding glass door. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Residential) Applicant: Darren & Lynn Laurio – 5443 South Street (Fence)

Darren Laurio explained their intent is to install a black aluminum fence with two 48" wide gates in the back yard. The fence will be 48" tall.

J. Williams MOVED, R. Brown seconded to approve the fence as described above. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Residential) Applicant: Ray Sliman – 670 ½ Washington (Exterior Painting)

R. Brown explained with her approval this application was added after the agenda was distributed. She noted the exterior painting swatches were submitted with the application. The trim will be the color Alabaster and the walls will be the color Rushing River. The board approved of the color choices.

M. Suszko MOVED, J. Williams seconded to approve the exterior painting as described above. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Historic) 5475 Liberty Avenue

R. Brown explained the board was in receipt of an email from Bill DiFucci for the property at 5475 Liberty. The red brick sidewalks along both frontages (Liberty and Exchange) are in bad condition (crumbling and loose bricks, which is a trip hazard). The contractor he spoke with will be installing concrete sidewalks.

R. Brown MOVED; J. Williams seconded to approve the repair with concrete sidewalks as presented. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

M. Suszko expressed at last month's meeting the idea of the board being involved in a training session for Design & Review Boards, and that Heritage Ohio's training session will not be until 2022. However, she talked to Heritage Ohio about training and resources for Historic Design & Review Boards and she was passed along to the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions which was formed in the 80s and it was in response to the Secretary of Interior Standards when they started coming up with guidelines and rules for preservation. There are a lot of communities that are members of this. It cost \$100.00 to join and there are a lot of resources. She joined the google group and has received interesting resources. They also provide training programs, but she did not know the costs, but they are specifically tailored to your community. She informed the board they can visit the website at napcommissions.org. The board expressed interest in being a part of this.

M. Suszko MOVED, J. Williams seconded to request the Mayor to allow the Historic Design & Review Board to be a member of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions and to approve the funds of \$100.00 to be a member. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Brown adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
@ Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion