

MINUTES
City of Wooster Design and Review Board
October 6, 2022

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

John Campbell, Chairman of the Design and Review Board, called the meeting to order. Board members Susan Bates, John Campbell, Dick Deffenbaugh, Louise Keating, Dick Kinder, and Keith Speirs were present at the meeting. Board member Sandra Hull was absent. Vincent Marion, Planning and Zoning Manager, represented the City of Wooster.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Bates moved to approve the Minutes of the September 1, 2022, regular meeting of the Design and Review Board. Dick Kinder seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

III. APPLICATIONS

DR-22-30.

Fiorino Palermo requested an approval recommendation for altering the exterior by bricking in window openings, replacing the storefront door and windows, and painting at 558 East Liberty Street in the C-4 (Central Business) zoning district (non-landmark).

Fiorino Palermo, 133 South Monroe Street, Butler, PA, stated that he owned Auto body Products Incorporated (API) and the property. Mr. Palermo explained that they planned to block the two large windows, one on the alley side and the other in the front of the building. Mr. Palermo continued that the store front entrance door needed replacing and the windows on each side with a bronze aluminum frame window with a green standing seam façade above it. Mr. Palermo stated that the front window was bricked in before he knew he needed a permit. Mr. Palermo explained that painting the building would enhance the property's looks.

Louise Keating moved to approve the application as submitted. Dick Deffenbaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

DR-22-31.

Jeff Gower requested approval of a painted wall sign and logo at 312 East Liberty Street in a C-4 (Central Business) zoning district (non-landmark).

Jeff Gower, 312 East Liberty Street, stated that he was the owner of Jerry's Home Furnishings and the building owner. Mr. Gower explained that he wanted to make improvements to the building, starting with the west side of the building and adding a new logo. Mr. Gower continued that he wanted to remove the current sign and replace it with a new sign with a new logo on the front of the building. Mr. Gower stated that the sign size was more significant than the code allows. Mr. Gower explained that the sign measured 8.5 feet by 16 feet, and the rest was paint which was not a part of the logo or sign. Mr. Gower explained that the sign color remained the same tan and green.

John Campbell stated that the Design and Review Board looks at the sign's color, concept, and the way the sign looks. Mr. Campbell explained that the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals would decide on the size of the sign. Mr. Campbell noted that the board could approve the sign on athletics; if it doesn't comply, it would be subject to the approval of the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Marion stated that the code distinguishes between murals and signs, and the sign was not a mural and fell under the sign category.

Louise Keating moved to approve the application as submitted. Dick Deffenbaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-2. Susan Bates and Keith Speirs voted no.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Susan Bates moved to adjourn the meeting. Louise Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

John Campbell, Chairman

Carla Jessie, Administrative Assistant