

MINUTES

City of Wooster Design and Review Board

February 2, 2023

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sandra Hull moved to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2023, regular meeting of the Design and Review Board. Dick Kinder seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

III. APPLICATIONS

DR-23-1.

Bradley Mull, on the behalf of the Wooster Fire Department requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for additions to the Landmark structure at 510 N Market Street with parcel number 64.02360-000.

Bradley Mull, Mull & Weithman Architects, Inc., 4525 Indianola Avenue, Columbus, stated that the current Station was 62 years old and needed to be restored, giving the building additional life. Mr. Mull explained that there were three different additions to the existing Station in the proposal. Mr. Mull continued that the first addition was an auxiliary apparatus bay with a tower feature that also serves as on-site training opportunities for the department. Mr. Mull explained that the bay would house trailers with 14 by 14 standard bay doors. Mr. Mull stated that the current doors needed to be redesigned, the four bays into three bays across the front of the Station. Mr. Mull explained that the north side of the building would have fire administration offices, training space, and conference and work space for the department leadership. Mr. Mull continued that the proposed lobby could be used for triage or an immunization clinic for dual purposes for public use. Mr. Mull stated that the parking on the north side of the building that faces City Hall would be reduced. Mr. Mull explained that an addition on the west side would house a physical fitness training space for the firefighters with different workout equipment with a small expansion to the kitchen/dining area. Mr. Mull continued that half of the roof on the auxiliary bay has a paver system that goes over the drainable top and allows for a platform where the firefighters can perform ladder drills, rope training, and different training openings. Mr. Mull stated that the tower would have a couple of different levels. Mr. Mull explained that the additions would be brick and stay consistent with the neighborhood. Mr. Mull continued that the metal would be replaced with cement work and provide a safer access ladder and hatch inside

the Station from the second floor. Mr. Mull stated that all new systems within the building on the interior would bring everything up to current standards.

Mr. Kinder asked about the expected cost of the project. Mr. Mull stated that the estimates for construction were being updated, and the cost was reviewed around 4.7 – 4.8. Mr. Mull noted that the bid process would start in March, and construction would start in May for 12 to 14 months. Mr. Deffenbaugh asked how the department would function during the construction. Chief Saley stated that they were beginning a relocation and ready to go when everything was approved and ready to go on construction. Mr. Saley explained that Station One would be closed, and the administration was currently at Station Two. I have relocated the Community Risk Division fire inspector and Assistant Chief to Station Three on Gateway Drive. Mr. Saley continued that the crew from Station One and the Capitian and firefighters moved to Station Two with primary operations running out of Station Two. Mr. Saley stated that renovations begin next week on the old Distribution and Collections building located on Mechanicsburg Road with temporary interior modification. Mr. Saley said that operations would continue to be maintained. Mr. Saley explained that the location for the distribution building or the temporary fire station is a prime location for a fourth station in the future with the city's growth in the future. Mr. Saley continued that the interior renovation would be completed in March.

Sandra Hull moved to approve the applications as submitted. Dick Kinder seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Sandra Hull moved to adjourn the meeting. Dick Kinder seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

John Campbell, Chairman

Carla Jessie, Administrative Assistant