

**Landmark Commission
November 17, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order:

Vice Chairman Alan Griffiths called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. The following members were present: Mike Meinzer, Louis Schultz, Robert Truka, and Kima Yandell. Alec Ochs and Arin Blair represented the Community Development Department. Administrative Assistant Kristen Barone was also present.

Review of minutes from October 27, 2021:

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Truka seconded. All voting members were in favor of the motion.

Applications:

220 East Water Street

Mr. Griffiths stated that the applicant for 220 East Water Street was approved for some exterior alterations at the last meeting, but was asked to come back this month to present some more options to the commission for a door and signage above the door.

1) Door

Mr. Ochs started by showing the commission the three door options given by the applicant. He stated that staff feels that all of the door options are appropriate and recommends approval of whatever design the commission feels is best. Applicant Ryan Tamburino stated that he still prefers option one, his second preference would be option two, but he does have a third option for the commission as well. Mr. Meinzer stated that he was one that was opposed of the door option presented at the last meeting because after reading the Secretary of Interior's Standards he did not feel the door met those standards. However, after the meeting he drove around downtown, a noticed that the proposed door did match a door already on the building, as well as the doors on many other buildings downtown. Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve door option one and Mr. Truka seconded. All voting members were in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

2) Sign

Mr. Ochs showed the commission the two different sign options given by the applicant. Sign option A is a sign similar to the one presented last month, but it is shorter in height, so it now sits below the window. Staff was not sure if the first sign option is going to be internally illuminated like the one last month was and would like the applicant to answer that question. Sign option B is similar to option A, but does not have a background and has halo illuminated lighting. Mr. Tamburino stated that the first option does include an internally illuminated letters. He said that Brady Signs told him that when installed, if the sign is too bright, they could put a vinyl tint on the backside to bring down the brightness. He said that the second sign option does not have a forward facing illumination, but the sign has lighting behind the letters, and looks like an outline of the letters, like the City Hall sign. Mr. Tamburino stated that his first choice in signage is the first one, which does match the blade sign that was approved at the last meeting, as the letters are lit in that sign. Mr. Truka stated that he appreciates the applicant coming in with more options for the committee to review. He said that he really just wants to make sure that whatever work is being done will preserve the building, but he also wants the applicant to be happy with the outcome as well. Mr. Schultz moved to approve sign option A and Mr. Truka seconded. Mr. Griffiths stated that staff put in the report that staff feel both signs are fitting and appropriate and recommends approval of either, but in last month's report it states that staff recommends approval of the internally

illuminated sign if the brightness does not exceed the brightness deemed appropriate by the Landmark Commission. He said that he does not think that brightness level has been established by the commission and asked staff earlier if they would be able to get with Brady Signs to understand what the brightness levels are that have been approved in the past. So if the option A sign is approved, he would want it to be approved with the condition that the brightness level is not greater than what has been approved in the past. He also stated that they have been asked not to approve internally illuminated signs in the downtown historic district. He said that the committee has approved a couple and has turned some down, so his preference would be for option B. Ms. Blair stated that she is on the fence on which option she thinks is more fit. She said that while the guidelines are written to stay away from internally illuminated signs, she believes that was more so to stay away from big LED signs that you see in Vegas. She said that she sees both of these signs as modern and tasteful and not creating light pollution. She said that lighting has come up a lot in this commission and she will try to do some research on that. Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Schultz, and Mr. Truka voted for the motion. Mr. Meinzer and Ms. Yandell voted against the motion. The motion failed. Mr. Meinzer then made a motion to approve sign option B and Mr. Truka seconded. All voting members were in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Staff reports:

133 E. Market Street

Mr. Ochs stated that he had administratively approved two signs for 133 E. Market St. He showed the commission a picture of the approved signs and stated that they are going to be replacing the existing signs on that building. He stated that the new signs are fairly similar to the current ones and meet the signage requirements. Ms. Blair stated that the building was called Marketplace at the Cooke, but now they are calling it Marketplace Downtown. She said that there was also small individual signs for all of the vendors that were in that building on the previous signage, but it was so small it was hard to read so they took that part off which allows for the Marketplace signage to be bigger and then they will market the vendors inside of the building in other ways.


Murals

Ms. Blair said that she wanted to bring to the commission's attention that the Public Arts and Culture Commission is working on their 2022 work plan, and something that has come up that they want to do is put up murals on buildings. She said that she is aware of a program in that took place in Columbus where murals are applied using a vinyl product that looks like a painting. She said she talked with the lady in charge of that program and she has stated that they are safe for buildings and they rotate the murals every couple of years. She said there is a lot of research and planning yet to be done, but wanted to see what Landmark Commissions thoughts were on a program like this as some may want to see these murals on buildings that are in the historic district. Mr. Schultz stated that there are some murals on buildings in Bucyrus and he thinks those are spectacular. Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Truka also expressed interest in the murals.

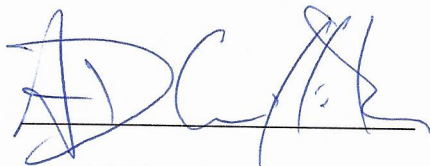
Meeting adjourned:

Mr. Meinzer moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting ended at 5:27pm.

Approved by:



Kristen Barone, Clerk



Ryan Whaley, Chairman

Alan Griffiths