

MINUTES FOR
REGULAR MEETING
OWOSSO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Newman

ROLL CALL was taken by Sue Montenegro.

PRESENT: Chairman Scott Newman, Commissioners Matthew Van Epps, Gary Wilson and Secretary Hathaway.

ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Vince Gonyou, Commissioner Lance Omer.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager / Director of Community Development; Corrine & Jeff Adams, Mayor Ben Frederick

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Commissioner Hathaway, supported by Commissioner Van Epps to approve the Agenda for June 17, 2015 as presented.

Yeas all. Motion was passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Motion by Commissioner, supported by Commissioner Wilson to approve the minutes of the meeting for May 20, 2015.

Yeas all. Motion was passed.

Communications:

1. Staff Memorandum
2. Meeting minutes of May 20, 2015

Public / Commission Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Public Hearings: None

Items of Business:

1) 115 E. Main Street – Perpendicular Blade-Sign Application

Corrine & Jeff Adams presented photos of the sign they would like to place at their business. A drawing was also presented depicting how the sign will be installed. The sign is made of double thick plywood and is 4'X4' in size. Forged iron will be used to create the hardware to hang the sign. Jeff talked to Mark Agnew today about installation on how to mount. The ordinance stipulates the sign can be no lower than nine feet. A photo from approximately 1946 was presented showing the Snooty Fox or Elite Restaurant that was in the same location along with the signage used during that era. Discussion was held about placing the sign where the original signage hung. Commissioner Hathaway stated the architectural elements need to be preserved and that the sign must be hung either clearly above or below the cornice or transom. Chairman Newman likes the idea of hanging the sign between two of the windows because it would not cause irreparable damage to the brick if the sign needed to be moved.

Motion by Commissioner Hathaway, supported by Commissioner Wilson that the Owosso Downtown Historic District Commission, finding that the proposed exterior improvements at 115 E. Main Street meets all the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, as well as local standards, hereby directs staff to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work and building permit application as

applied for and illustrated, conditioned that the sign is placed on the sidewall or the center of the building between the windows. Additionally, the windows shall be obstruction free.
Yeas all. Motion was passed.

2. 200 W. Main Street – Perpendicular Blade-sign application

No one was present to represent the owner of the business. Commission members passed on this item

3. 109 E. Comstock Street – Mural Discussion

Mayor Frederick discussed the proposed mural for the Indian Trail's (Wildermuth Hotel) building and shared that he is the great grandson of Wildermuth. Indian Trails has been doing some repairs and tuck pointing. The original sign has a marquee with the signage. Below the sign were lettering and numbers that advertised prices at that time. The quote from the artist is for the mural is \$2500. Indian trails will donate \$500 and a lift for the project. The artist will bring renderings next month and personally address the commission with hopes of starting in August. The sign is a ghost sign and will be brought back to life. Chairman Newman stated he is excited about recreating ghost murals which is different than creating new murals. Commissioner Hathaway stated the mural does not violate Secretary of the Interior's Standards because "firewalls" were never facade walls. Walls that face the street are different and should not have murals. Commissioner Hathaway suggested that Josh contact the Michigan Downtown Association to determine what their standards or process is.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Chairman Newman shared that a letter was sent by Josh Adams to Mr. Dedic that the commission had asked Chairman Newman to send. The commission stated they did not have a problem with Josh sending the letter instead.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Commissioner Wilson and supported by Commissioner Van Epps to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. until July 15, 2015.

Yeas all. Motion was passed.

Phil Hathaway, Secretary

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