
Members present: Ken Blanchard, Cathy Clark, Mike Flynn, Kent Fultz, Bart Mills

Members absent: Bob Fitzgerald

City of Lima: Lisa Bradley, Douglas Ditto, Amy Harpster

DTL Staff: Aubree Kaye, Sue Smith

Guests: Pastor Wayne Bradley, I CAN Celebration Ministries; Linda Hampshire, Jean & Lily's Fashion Boutique

Design Review Board **October 10, 2019 Agenda**

A. Call to order

B. Minutes from September 12, 2019

Bart Mills asked for approval of the September minutes. Cathy Clark motioned to approve, and Ken Blanchard seconded. All approve.

C. New Business

1. Wayne Bradley / I Can Celebration Ministries

615 W. High Street / Installation of a Mural and Sidewalk Repair

Pastor Bradley presented a picture of what the mural will look like on this building which used to be an office supply store. He said the graphics were a representation of who they are as an organization and that making a statement with this mural was very important to them. The fact that the final product will be very colorful reflects a spirit of inclusion and also a desire to contribute to the beautification of the downtown. He said he is not the artist, but he provided the vision. Kent Fultz asked who would do the actual painting and Pastor Bradley said the local community would, including children. There will be food and music provided; all are welcome. In preparation, the building will be power washed and primed. They are excited to be within the downtown district and part of the Design Review district. Aubree noted that the interior looks phenomenal. Everything has been cleaned up and renovated. Pastor Bradley said some people who helped with the renovation will participate in the mural. He noted that they are not new to this location. In fact, they have been there for two years. With these efforts, they wish to make a positive impact on a lot of people.

Bart said the role of the DRB is to ensure that new façade colors and designs are “within the general aesthetic of the community,” and that art is not within its purview. However, a “good end product” is the goal. Ken asked if they owned the building and Pastor Bradley affirmed. Mike asked if the mural would be finished by fall of 2019. It will. Ken Blanchard moved to accept the application and Cathy Clark seconded. All approve.

Note: Two applications with supporting materials were received at the time of the meeting.

2. Linda Hampshire / Jean & Lily's Fashion Boutique

220 N. Main Street / Signage

Ms. Hampshire introduced herself as the owner of this business and also a representative for her daughter's application for signage at Perennialglow Spa. She explained her desire to be a part of downtown Lima and the need for a women's boutique. She wants to put a 10 x 2-foot sign on the north side of the building, facing Main Street. She handed out full color business cards that were essentially the design for the signage. Bart asked if the material was metal and was without illumination. Ms. Hampshire affirmed. Cathy Clark moved to approve the application and Kent Fultz seconded. All approve.

3. Natasha Mears / Perennialglow Spa 147 N. Main Street / Signage

Ms. Mears was represented by her mother, businesswoman Linda Hampshire. The spa has been open at this location since April. This sign will be a green metal replica of the spa's logo, a flat circle shape, and will be affixed to the Main Street side, with no illumination. Ken Blanchard approved the application and Kent Fultz seconded. All approve.

4. Colin Clark 309-311 N. Elizabeth Street / Façade Painting

At the outset, DRB member Cathy Clark recused herself from voting as Mr. Clark is her son. She described the work on this apartment building as simply "freshening up" the first-floor façade and window trim. She said the chosen colors do not represent a change, just a new coat of the same paint. The application was submitted to keep within the guidelines of the DRB. Kent Fultz approved the application and Mike Flynn seconded. All approve.

D. Other

On the heels of the last discussion, Aubree Kaye said that when work is considered simple maintenance of a property, for example, because the paint color has faded, approval of the DRB is not required. If a business owner is removing or replacing sections of the façade, then approval is required. She mentioned that the barber shop Fresh N Faded at 227 S. Main Street is currently having tuck pointing done, which is considered maintenance. Bart noted that whoever removed the camouflage paint from the former King of Clubs on Main did a great job while managing to preserve the brick.

Amy said that her department gave the new owner of MacDonald's Supply on that same strip of Main Street advice on possible changes to the exterior and how to apply to DRB.

There was some discussion about the scaffolding on the building at the corner of Main and Spring streets which has been there for months. Amy said that the DRB approved of the mural there "ages ago," but beyond that, it is under the purview of engineering. Cathy then mentioned broken windows and Amy referred her to Susan Crotty's office.

Kent talked briefly about work to the façade at his business, Crankers Cycling, 401 N. Main Street. He has engaged a firm in Ottawa to undertake a feasibility study. He advised the architect to consult Building & Zoning staff.

Kent Fultz motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Cathy Clark seconded. All adjourn.