

PIQUA DOWNTOWN DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, May 26, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.
Board Room - Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce

Members Present: Jim Oda, Brad Bubp, Ann DeBrosse Comer & Mike Foster.

Staff Member: Lorna Swisher

Mr. Oda called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ITEM NO. 1: MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Brad Bubp and second by Mrs. Ann Debrosse Comer to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 and the March 24, 2009 meeting minutes.

Mrs. Ruth Koon joined the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2: RESOLUTION DRB 04-09

A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for a projecting sign at 413 N. Main Street.

Lorna Swisher gave the staff report. This request calls for a projecting sign to be placed on the existing brackets on the Main Street façade of 413 N. Main Street. The sign would be digitally printed vinyl and contour cut.

Mr. Oda noted the building is 1920's art deco building that was first remodeled in the 1970's and then remodeled again in the 1990's and again this decade. He noted that projecting signs are appropriate to the downtown area.

Brian Quinter was there to speak on behalf of the request - he noted the character on the sign would be reversed on the back side of the sign so the images lined up.

Mrs. Ruth Koon moved to approve Resolution 04-09 for the projecting sign and Mr. Brad Bubp seconded the motion. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubp, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer, Mr. Jim Oda and Mrs. Ruth Koon. Mr. Mike Foster abstained from the vote because he owns the building on which the sign would be placed.

ITEM NO. 3: RESOLUTION DRB 05-09

A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for sidewalk signs for the Piqua Community Farmers Market.

Lorna Swisher gave the staff report. This request calls for a temporary sidewalk signs for the Piqua Community Farmers Market. The signs will be put up for approximately 4 ½ hours each week as directional signage for the Farmers Market. The signs are made of ½" PVC and are approximately 3 x 4 in size.

Mr. Oda noted the board has approved previous sidewalk signs. Mrs. Ruth Koon moved to approve Resolution 05-09 for the sidewalk signs and Mr. Mike Foster seconded the motion. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubp, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer, Mr. Jim Oda and Mr. Mike Foster. Mrs. Ruth Koon abstained from the vote because she is on the Mainstreet Piqua Board.

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ITEM NO. 4: VECTREN GAS METERS

Lorna Swisher gave the Board an update on the Vectren gas meters. She reported that Mr. Schmiesing, the city planning director told her that the City Law director has sent a letter to Vectren Gas company saying that the present gas meters are violating at least two provisions in the city code and that the city is requesting a new plan from Vectren. So far they have not heard anything.

The board noted they were concerned the present design is both a health and safety hazard, not to mention not very aesthetically pleasing.

The Board members were also concerned about the other work that Vectren is doing in the downtown area. It appears that they are not replacing bricks in the streetscaping when they have been removed for repairs. Lorna was asked to communicate the board's concern with the city manager.

OTHER BUSINESS

OUTSTANDING CODE VIOLATIONS

James Oda, Chairman

Brad Bulp, Vice-Chairman