

**PIQUA DOWNTOWN DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, June 23, 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 6:00 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 May 26, 2009 meeting. The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM NO. 2: RESOLUTION DRB 06-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for new signs at 110 W. High Street.**

Lorna Swisher gave the staff report. This request calls for two signs to be placed flat against the surface of the building on the South and East facades. The letters on the sign will project above the surface of the sign and will be gold in color. The background of the sign will be dark green.

Mr. Oda noted the building is 1891 Richardsonian Romanesque building and that the signage is being placed in the traditional location for this type of building.

Mr. Brad Bubp moved to approve Resolution 06-09 and Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer seconded the motion. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubp, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer and Mr. Mike Foster. Mr. Jim Oda abstained from the vote.

**ITEM NO. 3: RESOLUTION DRB 09-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for a new sign at 308 N. Main Street.**

This request calls for similar sign to the one just approved to be placed flat against the surface of the building above the banquet facility entrance. This sign also will be dark green with the raised lettering.

Mr. Mike Foster moved to approve Resolution 09-09 for the flat signage and Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer seconded the motion. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubp, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer and Mr. Mike Foster. Mr. Jim Oda abstained from the vote.

**ITEM NO. 4: RESOLUTION DRB 07-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for a parking lot lights next to 212 N. Main Street.**

This request called for lights to be placed on the south side of the

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Unity National Bank administration building and two light poles to be placed on the south side of the parking lot that will be constructed next to the building. Mr. Francony of Unity National Bank appeared before the board and stated the bank could not afford the exact lights the city used for the streetscaping and that the light proposal he was submitting met the city's standards for lighting etc. The lights on the building will be wired from the inside of the building and there would be no conduit. Mr. Francony stated he felt the light posts on the south side of the lot would be camouflaged by the trees in that location.

The board said the light fixtures were too utilitarian for the location and that they would not approve them.

Mr. Francony formally withdrew his request and said he would resubmit another proposal at the next meeting.

Mr. Foster left the meeting.

**ITEM NO. 5: RESOLUTION DRB 08-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for the demolition of the rear of 223 W. Ash Street.**

This request calls the rear block portion of the former social security administration on W. Ash Street to be demolished. The rear portion was added to the building after it was constructed. The formerly exposed back wall will now be re-exposed.

Mr. Brad Bubb moved to approve Resolution 08-09 for the demolition of the rear portion of the building. Ann DeBrosse Comer seconded the motion. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubb, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer and Mr. Jim Oda.

**ITEM NO. 6: RESOLUTION DRB 10-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness to paint the gazebo on High Street.**

This request was withdraw. The gazebo will be repainted white and is therefore considered maintenance.

**ITEM NO. 7: RESOLUTION DRB 11-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for new signs on the public square.**

This request calls for permission to erect new signs on the public square designating the area the William M. McCulloch Public Square. The signs will be digitally printed with white raised lettering. There will be two signs - one on the west side and one on the east.

Mr. Brad Bubb moved to approve Resolution 11-09 for the new signs and Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer seconded the motion. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubb, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer and Mr. Jim Oda.

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**ITEM NO. 8: VECTREN GAS METERS**

Lorna Swisher provided the Board with diagrams of half trash-can type containers that Vectren is proposing be used for the gas regulators on the side of Knobby's Shop and the Fifth Third Bank building. The board expressed concern that the public may perceive the covers to be trash cans and although the top of the circle would be closed they may still be tempted to place trash on top. A motion was made by Mr. Brad Bulp and second by Mrs. Anne DeBrosse Comer to approve the half trash can's in these locations only. The motion passed.

The item will be discussed again at the next meeting in July 2009.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**OUTSTANDING CODE VIOLATIONS**

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James Oda, Chairman

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Brad Bulp, Vice-Chairman