

**PIQUA DOWNTOWN DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, August 25, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**Board Room - Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce**

Members Present: Jim Oda, Brad Bubp, Ann DeBrosse Comer & Ruth Koon.

Members Absent: 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 Mrs. Ruth Koon and seconded by Mr. Brad Bubp to approve the amended minutes of the July 28, 2009 meeting. The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM NO. 2: RESOLUTION DRB 15-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for a new sign at 327 N. Main Street.**

Lorna Swisher reported that the Planning and Zoning Department has notified her that the approved location for the Uniforms Plus sign (on the little signpost above the hard awning) is not an approved place for a sign. The building owner would now like to place the sign on the rear of the building (above the back door).

Mr. Brad Bubp moved and Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer seconded that Resolution 21-09 be approved to allow the sign be allowed to be placed on the rear of the building. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubp, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer, Mrs. Ruth Koon and Mr. Jim Oda.

**ITEM NO. 3: RESOLUTION DRB 16-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for a new sign at 117 W. Ash Street.**

Lorna Swisher reported that Planning and Zoning will permit the original Barry Staff sign to remain in place.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM NO. 4: RESOLUTION DRB 19-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for a new wall mounted sign and window sign at 107 E. High Street.**

Lorna Swisher gave the staff report. This request calls for a new sign above the mansard roof as well as a new window sign replacing the existing sign. There will also be a third small sign on the AAA wall. The Planning and Zoning Department has concluded the signs meet their requirements in terms of size, location etc.

Mr. Oda noted the storefront is a 1970's "Commercial Mansard Overhang" style. Mr. Brian Quinter was there to speak on behalf of the sign and

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stated that they were restructuring their business and needed to have a name that reflected both parts of the business. He stated that AAA has given him permission to place a sign on their wall.

Mrs. Ruth Koon moved to approve Resolution 19-09 and Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer seconded the motion. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubp, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer, Mrs. Ruth Koon and Mr. Jim Oda.

**ITEM NO. 5: RESOLUTION DRB 20-09**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for a signage on the front of the Fort Piqua Plaza at 118 W. High Street.**

Lorna Swisher gave the staff report. This request calls 8" Cast Bronze letters to be placed on the front of the Fort Piqua Plaza. The letters will exactly match the existing Piqua Public Library letters on the High Street façade.

Mr. Jim Oda said the Richardsonian Romanesque building is the largest building in the downtown and believes the front façade and handle two signs.

Mr. Bob Greaser was there to speak on behalf of the issue and said the Piqua Public Library sign was a part of the initial submission to the Design Review Board.

Mrs. Ruth Koon moved to approve Resolution 20-09 for the new letters and Mr. Brad Bubp seconded the motion. Role Call AYE: Mr. Brad Bubp, Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer, Mrs. Ruth Koon and Mr. Jim Oda.

**ITEM NO. 6:**

Lorna Swisher reported to the DDDR members that following the last meeting she walked Mr. Lackens with Vectren over to Eagle Printing and Graphics and showed him the regulator that still needed to be covered. Subsequently there was a person from Vectren over there doing the measuring and Mrs. Diane DeLaet of Eagle Printing told the representative she did NOT want any kind of covering over the regular and that she would like to keep it disguised with the flower pot. That information had been communicated back to Mr. Lackens and he called Lorna to ask how the Design Review Board would feel about having no covering on the regulator.

The board discussed the issue at length and decided that because that particular regulator is somewhat protected by the stairs that it could be left as is because it is not a safety issue but more of an aesthetic issue. The Board said while they do not have to take the building owner's wishes into account they will certainly consider them in the decision making process.

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The Board wanted to make it perfectly clear to Vectren that this would absolutely not be acceptable on Main Street and that in this case ONLY can the regulator be left alone.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Piqua Area United Way would like to place their banners throughout the downtown during the upcoming campaign season. The Engineering office has asked the Design Review Board to approve the banners as a part of their permitting process for installing the banners. The board stated while they had no specific guidelines the banner's design color and content met the general approval of the Board.

**OUTSTANDING CODE VIOLATIONS**

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James Oda, Chairman

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Brad Bulp, Vice-Chairman