

Minutes – Draft
Historic District Design Review Committee Meeting
September 19th, 2023

Present: Carol Philips, Terry McQuisten, Haley Hueckman, Ariel Reker, Gail Duman, staff Ashly Pearce and guest Be Tiedeman.

1. **Welcome new members, Introductions/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by Gail Duman.

2. **Review Minutes from 6-27-2023**

MOTION: Ariel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Haley. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Dawn Kitzmiller-Big Deal Grant Budget Update**

The City Hall was awarded ALL CLG grant funding that was applied for. Ariel asked where the funds get used and Dawn explained the process from application to the awarding of funds. Dawn also talked about the BDG grant money being tax dollars and that the City is removing these funds to be used as a grant match for HDDRC applications. Ariel mentioned maybe an agreement with BCD about funds matching and asking the City Manager to keep these funds if there was a match for the funds. This would need the City Council approval and with the current situation with the council, Gail suggested this discussion be tabled.

Dawn also mentioned that Kuri with SHPO wants to meet virtually with this HDDRC committee for some updating and training and Gail asked Dawn for an outline of the training material before this group can commit to setting a date for the training. Dawn will get that from Kuri before the next meeting.

4. **1821 Main St.-Orpheum application for temporary mural on plywood**

Ariel said that she applied for the mural under the “sign permit” applications through both the County and City. Gail explains that this application was applied for as “temporary” but will be there over a year so it’s being treated as permanent. Ariel suggested creating another form for murals for HDDRC approval. Gail suggests HDDRC move away from murals. Ms. Tiedeman talked about the importance of going through the proper process so that it stops community division and offensive “graffiti” and invites pleasing and inviting paintings downtown. The Orpheum application is still at the Planning Dept. and Ariel has not heard back currently. The Planning Department is concerned about the Orpheum project taking so long to complete; therefore, the plywood mural would not be “temporary”. Teresa said that PAC is required to approve murals. Ms. Tiedeman mentioned that a private donor will pay for the artist if the BDG funds are no longer available. Ariel recused herself from voting. Carol made a motion to approve, Teresa seconded and so the mural was approved by the group without Ariel’s vote. However, the vote for the BDG funds for this project was a 3-1 (Haley, Teresa, Carol), and Ms. Duman voted against it.

5. Other Business

There was a discussion about the “Treasure Every Stitch” door that was installed and is not the one that was approved by HDDRC. Ariel will reach out to the owner and maybe suggest BDC can help monetarily with replacing the door with the one that was approved.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2023, at 8am

Adjourn: Gail adjourned the meeting at 9 am