

**BELLE PLAINE DESIGN COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2019**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President Krant led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine Design Committee conducted its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota. President Krant called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM with Commissioners Linda Lawler, Benjamin Ogata, Kathy Joerg and Patricia Krings present.

Also present were Council Liaison LeMieux and Community Development Director Smith Strack.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Commissioner Joerg, second by Commissioner Krings, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. Regular Session Minutes of February 4, 2019.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner LeMieux, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 4, 2019. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS.

4.1. Façade Design Review: 116 Main St W – Oldenburg Brewing Co.

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained Property Owner Colt Oldenburg purchased the former Volleyball Products building and is converting it into a brewpub. Oldenburg proposes façade changes including: removal of storefront, street-facing window and replacement with glass overhead garage door; replacement of commercial entry door(west side); replacement of awnings using existing structures; replacement of louvers. Smith Strack explained the applicant has brought the proposed replacement louvers. Smith Strack explained it is appropriate for the design committee to consider at a minimum the following design principles, Regionalism, Context, Hierarchy and what will recede and Color when reviewing the proposed storefront update. Smith Strack noted included in the memo are the Design Manual guidelines citing Awnings, Windows and Color. Smith Strack explained staff has discussed the grey concrete block and reduction of storefront window size with the applicant. Smith Strack noted the applicant is open to alternatives including the represented in the mock-up elevation drawing.

Applicant Colt Oldenburg stepped forward to let the committee review the louvers.

Commissioner Krings inquired how the shrinking of the window with brick would affect the business. Oldenburg explained the garage door would open like a window noting his thought of adding a bar top and bar stools allowing for additional seating. Krings inquired if the applicant would approve of the larger window opening. Oldenburg explained if the sidewalk café application were approved, he would be agreeable to either storefront noting if the recommendation for the larger window is approved a railing for security would need to be installed. Commissioner Krings inquired on the use of gray brick versus standard brick. Oldenburg explained the gray rock texture brick has a paintable surface noting the difficulty in finding standard brick that would match the rest of the building. Krings inquired from staff if either option is acceptable. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained staff is agreeable to either option, noting the design manual states no reduction in window. Krings affirmed her preference of the smaller window with painted block. Council Liaison LeMieux explained her preference

for the full garage door noting its appeal those driving through town. Commissioner Krant noted his appreciation for staff's comments.

MOTION by Commissioner Krant, second by Commissioner LeMieux to accept Oldenburg's proposed Doors, Awnings, Rock Face Concrete and Louvers. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4.2. Design Committee Work Items.

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained in February the Design Committee roles, responsibilities and background information. Smith Strack explained staff recommends general discussion with members as to what resources and information would be of assistance in defining a work plan and discussion pertaining to meeting on an as needed basis.

Commissioners Krings and Lawler inquired more information. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained rather than a monthly meeting if no agenda item or review is needed the Committee will meet as needed. Smith Strack noted review of sidewalk Café, new commercial and façade improvements are on the horizon citing no agenda items listed for April at this time. Krings stated as long as the Design committee remains a viable board noting the importance of reviewing Community projects and zoning ordinances.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

5.1. Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Krant reiterated the importance of the Design Committee to the community.

5.2. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Next Regular Meeting, Monday, April 1, 2019 at 5:15PM

Commissioners were reminded of the next meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner Lawler to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary