

**BELLE PLAINE DESIGN COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine Design Committee conducted a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Chair Benjamin Ogata called the meeting to order at 5:19 PM with Commissioners Hope Lawler, Linda Lawler and Jacky Oldenburg present.

Also present were Councilmember Renee LeMieux and Community Development Director Smith Strack.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Commissioner LeMieux, second by Commissioner L. Lawler, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. Regular Session Minutes of February 1, 2021.

MOTION by Commissioner Oldenburg, second by Commissioner H. Lawler, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 1, 2021 with update of adding Rick Krant under the Oath of Office. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS.

4.1. Resurfacing of sign band: 149 Meridian Street North – Ken Meger

Strack noted Ken Meger is the owner of property at 149 Meridian Street North. Meger proposes resurfacing of a sign band on the building with brown painted cedar board. Strack referenced information included in the packet including a drawing submitted by Mr. Meger, a photo of the existing storefront and a mock-up of the potential façade change. The mock-up was created by staff.

Meger did not attend the meeting.

Strack reviewed standards included in the Design Manual pertaining to storefront facades including those referencing preferred color palette, building material types, and retaining historic design. Strack also reviewed City Code standard pertaining to restoration of storefronts in the Downtown.

The Committee discussed the proposed painted cedar board covering of the sign band. The Committee did not favor the change. The Committee viewed the cedar boards as a third material being added to the front façade in addition to the natural colored brick veneer and the apparent original red brick at the top of the building. The Committee preferred painting of the existing surface a similar color to either of the bricks and the addition of a cloth awning. The Committee expressed hope Meger would attend a future meeting and acknowledged and thanked him for his proposed investment.

MOTION by Commissioner LeMieux, second by Commissioner H. Lawler, to deny current building material proposed by Ken Meger at 149 Meridian Street North. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

5.1. Commissioner Comments. – no comments

5.2. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Next Regular Meeting: As Needed.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Commissioner Ogata, second by Commissioner Oldenburg to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Vinkemeier
Acting Recording Secretary