

**BELLE PLAINE DESIGN COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 30, 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 a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota. President Krant called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM with Commissioners Patricia Krings, Benjamin Ogata and Linda Lawler present. Commissioner Kathy Joerg was not present.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

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

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

The Regular Session Minutes of March 4, 2019 were inadvertently not included in the packet for review and approval. The March 4, 2019 Minutes will be moved for approval to the next Design Committee Meeting.

**4. BUSINESS.**

**4.1. Sign Review: Kiecker Law Office: Omni Kiecker 215 Meridian Street North**

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained Omni Kiecker d.b.a. Kiecker Law Office has relocated her office to 215 Meridian Street North and request consideration of proposed signage. Smith Strack explained the proposed sign is to be located on an existing sign band on the west side of the building. Smith Strack noted proposed material is poly-composite and appears to meet standards.

Commissioner Krings inquired if the additional sign on the building was approved as she didn't recall it coming by the Design Commission. Smith Strack confirmed the signage was not previously approved and an application for review has been submitted. Krings inquired on the amount of signs allowed on a building. Smith Strack explained each tenant is allowed to have a sign.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner Lawler, to approve the sign review for Kiecker Law Office at 215 Meridian Street North. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**4.2. New Commercial Construction Design: Casey's Retail Company – Lot 1, Block 1 Jane Properties Subdivision.**

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained Casey's Retail Company has applied for approval of a convenience store with gas and diesel fueling stations at the northwest quadrant of Main Street/Hickory Boulevard intersection. Smith Strack noted the property is zoned Industrial Commercial District. Smith Strack explained building architecture as a four sided, traditional regional building materials, pleasing views from the street and harmony within developments and surrounding locale is required. Smith Strack explained landscaping is to emphasize street grid, enhance the pedestrian experience, complement architectural features and screen utility areas. Smith Strack explained parking is to feature driveway location that is efficient and promotes proper circulation and sufficient landscaping and lighting is to be functional and design oriented. Smith Strack noted the proposed design appears to

meet guidelines citing elevations are in the packet. Smith Strack explained represent ivies are present in the audience for questions.

Casey's representative Mike Gerber showed examples of the product and coloring proposed for the building. Commissioner Krings inquired if the materials are signature or unique to Belle Plaine. Representative Jon Sheutte explained the coloring is Casey's standards.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner Krant to reapprove the design review for Casey's Retail Company. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **4.3. New Commercial Construction Design: DGI Belle Plaine LLC – Lot 1, Block 2 Jane Properties Subdivision.**

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained DGI Belle Plaine LLC has applied for approval of a general merchandise retail store at the northeast quadrant of the Main Street/hickory Boulevard intersection, property zoned Industrial Commercial. Smith Strack explained construction is proposed to start in 2019. Smith Strack explained the specific design elements noting landscaping, and coloring appear to comply. Smith Strack noted the request by the developer for an average of the 97% brick or better standard. Smith Strack explained Todd Platt and of Platt Development Corp is present to show examples of exterior materials. Platt dispersed prototype store colored picture noting the painted brick. Platt noted review of the city code and adjustments made to the proposed Belle Plaine store citing additional changes made to fit within code standards.

Commissioner Krings inquired on the landscaping. Platt explained the landscaping plans were updated to meet the City Code noting more landscaping is proposed than a normal Dollar General store. Smith Strack explained a discussion with the architect regarding City Code and noted adjustments were made from the original application resulting in robust landscaping. Commissioner Krant inquired if the brick was typical of a Dollar General Store. Platt explained the brick was added for this store noting typically painted concrete block is used.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner Krant to approve the design review for DGI Belle Plaine LLC with the addition of mulch. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

### **5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

#### **5.1. Commissioner Comments.**

Commissioner Krings inquired on how far the development of Hickory Blvd will be. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained Hickory will curve to the east and become Prosper Street. Commissioner Krings commented on the impressive Oldenburg Brewery façade and noted positive steps forward with Casey's and Dollar General coming into town.

#### **5.2. Upcoming Meetings.**

##### **1. Next Regular Meeting, Monday, June 3, 2019 at 5:15PM**

Commissioners were reminded of the upcoming meetings.

### **6. ADJOURNMENT.**

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner Ogata to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich  
Recording Secretary