

**BELLE PLAINE DESIGN COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 1, 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 Monday, July 1, 2019 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota. President Krant called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM with Commissioners Patricia Krings, Linda Lawler and Kathy Joerg present. Commissioner Benjamin Ogata and Council Liaison LeMieux were not present.

Also present was Community Development Director Smith Strack.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

3. WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN (REMOTE MEETING).

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained each member was to spend time reviewing the downtown and bring three positive features and three challenging features of the area. Smith Strack guided the tour of the downtown highlighting some changes made to the area before the historic guidelines were put in place and noting pedestrian safety. Smith Strack explained the City has not adopted the international property maintenance code, as the Code would apply citywide affecting businesses and homeowners alike and likely require additional staffing.

While touring the following positive features identified included:

New Banners

Planters

Chamber building – although not historic material fits into the area with coloring and signage.

Johan's – ironwork, coloring and care of outside area.

Care of locally made brick

Oldenburg Brewery – clean/fresh look

Brad's Barber Shop – original building

State Bank/Chiropractic Office – style and investment into the building

Old Keup building - Original Large Windows inviting from the road.

Negative features identified included:

Brick on several buildings in need of repair and repointing.

Mismatched use of materials and faux stone

Mismatched paint colors/schemes

Color on Carlson building orange color verses historic natural color - approved by the Design Committee

Donuts and Deli in need of an awning refresh – currently working on funding with owner

Sparetime blue on top portion of the building

Townsend building in severe disrepair and window possible public safety issue

Corner Bar - request potential painting of the back of the building.

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained the vacant building registry program will be discussed at the department head level. Smith Strack noted a potential redevelopment grant program if received, would be run by the EDA allowing for up to \$40,000 per project noting 40 percent would be a

revolving loan, 40 percent a forgivable grant after five years of service and 20 percent payable by the building owner. Smith Strack noted discussion with several interested property owners.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

4.1. Commissioner Comments.

No comments were made.

4.2. Upcoming Meetings.

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

Commissioners were reminded of the upcoming meetings.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Commissioner Krings, second by Commissioner Joerg to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM.
ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary