

Agenda

Design Review Committee Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

Members: Stephen Everett (Chair), Eric Gilbertson (Vice-Chair), Hannah Smith, Seth Mitchell,
Martha Smyrski, Liz Pritchett (Alternate), Ben Cheney (Alternate)

Please note that this agenda is subject to change

1. Call to Order by the Chair
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Comments from the Chair
4. 58 Barre St (UC2/DCD)
Owner: 58 Barre St Condo Association & City of Montpelier
Applicant: Ward Joyce
Review of pergola placement.
5. 12 Hillside Ave. (RES 9/DCD)
Owner/Applicant: Tom Taylor & Vicki Kuskowski
Review house re-paint
6. 7 Main Street (UC1/DCD)
Owner: Pomerleau Family
Applicant: Martha Avila
Review of two new signs.
7. 114 Main St. (UC1/DCD/RHA)
Owner/Applicant: Sam Shippee
Review demolition of garbage storage, placement of heat pump compressors and addition of storage shed.
8. Review minutes of April 15 and May 6
9. Adjournment

**Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting
April 15, 2019**

Subject to review and approval

This public meeting was recorded, and the video will be available for viewing at:
<http://www.montpelier-vt.org/416/City-Meeting-Videos>

Present: Steve Everett, Eric Gilbertson, Martha Smyrski, Benjamin Cheney (alternate), Meredith Crandall - staff.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Steve Everett.

Approval of the agenda: Eric made a motion to approve the agenda as printed, Benjamin seconded. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Comments from the Chair: There were no comments from the Chair.

58 State Street

**Owner: Overlake Park, LLC Applicant: Jodi Kelly
Review of new signage.**

The application was reviewed while waiting to get in contact with the applicant. She was later in contact by cellphone speaker.

Proposing two signs on the front façade and removing the Wildlife Federation sign backing due to damage from weather and replace with a new sign in the same area and size that will be more weather resistant.

Committee recommends satin or flat black paint for background if the new signs, because glossy will take away from readability of the sign when light (either sun or installed lighting) reflects off of it.

Committee's options for applicant:

1. The size of lettering for the sign may be increased for more readability as long as desired spacing within the sign boards can be maintained.
2. Lettering for the garage cultural center may be placed on the same horizontal level as the Stonecliff lettering for aesthetic balancing of the sign.
3. Black metal or composite material may be used to band around the sign background to preserve the sign foam material.
4. An ADA sign may be added either immediately below the directory sign or be incorporated into the directory sign.

Lighting was not included in this application, it was stated to be determined, and Applicant will return with an application for such in the future.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable, and the application was approved on a 4-0 vote.

158 Main Street**Owner: Franklin Square Homeowners Association****Applicant: Laz Scangas, Arnold and Scangas Architects****Multiple exterior renovations including windows, storm doors, porches, railings, and mailboxes.**

This was heard first since the 58 State Street applicant wasn't present.

Laz Scangas was present to review all three Main Street applications.

The renovations for all three buildings at this meeting are basically the same, so they were heard as one.

Remove existing metal roofing panels and center section and replace with new architectural asphalt shingles – remove existing mailboxes and supports, install new mailboxes in same locations – remove existing storm windows and wood window sashes in select locations, insulate former weight pockets and install new 2 over 2 insert windows – remove all basement windows and frames, install two wythes of brick in all basement window openings – remove existing asphalt shingle roofing and underlayment, install new 1/2" plywood roof sheathing, new underlayment and new architectural asphalt shingle roofing with new prefinished metal drip edge – rebuild two existing chimneys at center connector section, repoint existing chimney at original building – remove existing wood clapboard siding in select locations, replace with new wood clapboard siding, match existing profile and exposure – prep, scrape, prime, and paint with two finish coats the existing and new exterior trim and clapboard, new windows and existing doors – replace four Heatmaker boilers with integral hot water with one hot water boiler and one water storage tank – replace storm doors – remove existing skylight and replace with new skylight in the same location – install new 1 1/2" diameter galvanized metal handrails on both sides at front entry porch – install new gravel for parking area – fix drainage and grading – trim trees, remove overgrown plants and replant at all sites – repair porches – restucco existing rigid foundation insulation on west elevation at rear of building – additional insulation and draft sealing – repaint existing basement access hatch.

Committee gave the applicant the option for the new screen doors to be white in color or a color closest to the main door behind the screen door.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 4-0 vote.

160 Main Street**Owner: Franklin Square Homeowners Association****Applicant: Laz Scangas, Arnold and Scangas Architects****Multiple exterior renovations including windows, storm doors, porches, railings, and mailboxes.**

See 158 Main application above.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 4-0 vote.

162 Main Street

Owner: Franklin Square Homeowners Association

Applicant: Laz Scangas, Arnold and Scangas Architects

Multiple exterior renovations including windows, storm doors, porches, railings, and mailboxes.

See 158 Main application above.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Review minutes from April 1, 2019: Eric made a motion to approve the minutes – he, Benjamin, and Steve were eligible to vote on them. Benjamin seconded. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Other business: The next meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2019.

Adjournment: Liz made a motion to adjourn, Benjamin seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary

**Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting
May 6, 2019**

Subject to review and approval

This public meeting was recorded, and the video will be available for viewing at:
<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1094/CivicClerk>

Present: Steve Everett, Hannah Smith, Seth Mitchell, Liz Pritchett (alternate), Meredith Crandall - staff.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Steve Everett.

Approval of the agenda: Seth made a motion to approve, Hannah seconded. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Comments from the Chair: There were no comments from the Chair.

127 Elm Street

**Owner: Katie Swick and Kirby Keeton Applicant: Katie Swick
Review of a new fence.**

The applicant was in attendance.

The application is to install a 48" high and 200 feet long wooden picket fence around the yard and the edge of the property. Concrete will be used on the post holes. It's proposed to be installed 4 feet from the sidewalk and 6' from the property line on the side of the house – although Applicant may move it slightly closer to the sidewalk if the Department of Public Works provides approval. It will be one foot from the riverbank edge. It will be stained a red cedar color to match the house.

Steve recommended the tops of the fence pickets be rounded and not pointed since the applicant is going to have a daycare. He also suggested the gate latches be high and on the other side of the gate so an adult will need to reach over the gate to unlatch it. Applicant acknowledged that State regulations governing child care facilities cover these issues.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable. The application was approved on a 4-0 vote.

73 Main Street

**Owner/Applicant: Heney Family Main Street, LLC
Review replacement of four windows.**

Tim Heney was present for the Applicant.

The application is to replace four windows on the window array over the main entrance on the second floor level. The project will maintain the appearance of the current configuration. Applicant proposed: (i) the arch top window to be a fixed sash to replace the non-functioning

double hung window; and (ii) the bottom three to be awning type. The color will match the existing paint color.

Options provided by Committee – (A) To install a moveable lower sash unit for the top center arch window unit – to ease cleaning; and (B) To install insulated glass units in any of the fixed curves and arched window units adjacent to the windows proposed for replacement already.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable. The application was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Langdon Street Bridge

Owner: City of Montpelier Applicant: Langdon Street Alive
Review public art lighting installation on bridge.

Ward Joyce and Tuyen My Nguyen were present.

Applicants received a grant to animate infrastructure. The lighting will interactively light up the bridge with LED strip lights. When people are close to and on the bridge, motion sensors will make the lights twinkle. During all other times, the lights will slowly fade between solid colors. The lighting installation is intended to be temporary in nature – though there is no set deadline for its removal. Applicant hopes to have the City take over care of the project after a few years.

The lights can be programmed to create special effects, and changeable colors and intensity, that would allow other programmers to design light shows for special events. The low twinkle light strips will line the outer edge of the sidewalk, making them visible to pedestrians on the bridge and from a distance on the neighboring bridges and streets. The slow-fade lights strips will be mounted on the pedestrian side of the top arch of the bridge surface, using a silicone adhesive or strong magnets – planning to place the panels behind the top and bottom rivets, in a way that accentuates the rivets and shape of the bridge. Applicant proposes using one of four types of acrylic to shield the LED light strips; the Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding pros and cons of the various colors (clear and three versions of white).

Steve would like to see one strip installed on the bridge surface, to see what it looks like from State Street. Applicant representatives will invite members of the committee for a demonstration of Applicant's preferred white color for the acrylic.

Condition – the applicant can choose from 4 colors for the panels.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable given the projects temporary and changeable nature. The application was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Review minutes from April 15, 2019: There wasn't a quorum, so the minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

Other business: The next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2019.

Adjournment: Seth made a motion to adjourn, Hannah seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary