

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

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<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 one of four colors for the acrylic panels, so long as the choice both gives the desired artistic effect and respects the historic character components of the steel bridge. The color options are: (1) White 020-4; (2) GPP95; (3) Satin Ice – OD010(09188); or (3) Satin Ice White WD008(0149-5).

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