

Agenda

Design Review Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:30 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. Alley Art: 77-79 Main Street (UC1/DCD/RHA)
Owner: Heney Family LLC
Applicant: Montpelier Public Art Commission: Robert Hannum, member.
Review proposal to place lights on iron vine in alley between Bear Pond Bookstore and Zutano.
5. 100 State Street (UC1/DCD/RHA)
Owner/Applicant: Capitol Plaza Corporation
Review plan for two traffic control/toll gates.
6. Review meeting minutes of October 21, 2019 and November 4, 2019.
7. Other Business:

Update from Staff on draft Design Review Regulations and Overlay District change status.

Next meeting December 2, 2019.
8. Adjournment



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**Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting
October 21, 2019**

Subject to review and approval

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

Present: Steve Everett, Eric Gilbertson, Seth Mitchell, Meredith Crandall - staff.

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

Approval of the agenda: Eric asked that an update on the design review regs be added to the agenda, it will be discussed under "other business". Eric made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Seth seconded. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

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

89 Main Street

**Owner: Nedde Real Estate Applicant: Marigold Adornment
Review new projecting sign.**

Michael and Jessica Mulcahy were present. They have been in business for two years and discovered that customers don't know to enter from the side of the City Center building.

The proposed sign will be 6 square feet (per side) and project above the entryway. It will be 56.5" high, 15" wide, 5/16" thick, and will be 96 inches from the ground. It will be lit with two LED floodlights. It will be attached into metal brackets affixed to the wall of the building. The lights will be directed at the building façade for a wash effect on the sign.

Committee members expressed concerns regarding the letter height, and the potential for the sign to obscure the architectural details of the building (glass block line).

The Committee recommended: (1) the brackets go into the sign band only (not the brick below the glass blocks); (2) the sign be elevated, and centered on the sign band; (3) pushing the sign to one foot out from the building instead of the current 2 inches; and (4) revising the goosenecks as needed to wash the sign. If desired, a black pinstripe may be added around the edge of the sign for greater contrast. When Applicants expressed concerns with flexibility of the sign material given the change in brackets, the Committee suggested a solid bracket along one side of the sign, with top and bottom supports.

Applicants will go back to Sign Design and have them use the Board's suggestions, then since the changes adhere to the recommendation sheet, they don't need to return.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application with the Committee's recommendations was approved on a 3-0 vote, with no abstentions.

Review minutes from October 7, 2019: The minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

Other business: The next meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2019.

Eric reported that the design review changes requested by the Historic Preservation Board were mostly integrated. The Planning Commission will have the first of the public hearings next Monday night, October 28th.

Adjournment: Eric made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary

**Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting
November 4, 2019**

Subject to review and approval

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Present: Steve Everett, Eric Gilbertson, Hannah Smith, Martha Smyrski, Liz Pritchett (alternate), Ben Cheney (alternate), Meredith Crandall - staff.

Absent: Seth Mitchell.

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, Ben seconded. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote with no abstentions.

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

47 Court Street

**Owner: Lake Point Investors Applicant: Bridgett Morris
Review new sign.**

Bridgett Morris was on the speaker phone.

The sign will be below the Edward Jones existing sign and will be installed with the same bracket style. It's a metal sign attached to a wooden background.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 6-0 vote with no abstentions.

100 State Street

**Owner: Capitol Plaza Corp. Applicant: Sammel Sign Co.
Review new signage for NSB.**

Roger Sammel was in attendance.

The application is to replace existing drive-up lettering and building awnings with new brand colors, as part of their rebranding. Otter Creek will replace the banners.

New awnings are larger, and will cover stucco/concrete features dividing the first floor from the second floor, as well as some of the narrow brick columns. Committee determined that these were not "significant architectural features."

Recommendations from the DRC include:

1. Ideally, the attachments for the new awnings frames should be located in existing sign bands between the brick pillars (the concrete features).
2. If attachments are made in the brick pillars, the attachment should be made in mortar joints between the bricks.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 6-0 vote with no abstentions.

Review minutes from October 7 and October 21, 2019: Ben made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, Eric seconded. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. Martha and Liz had not been in attendance at that meeting.

There was not a quorum present to vote on the for the October 21 meeting minutes.

Other business: 79 Main Street, Alley Lighting Project preview. Rob Hitzig from the Public Arts Commission was present. He wanted to discuss installing lights on the vines by Blanchard Block. There would two sets of lights, pelletier and super nova lights, all installed on a timer from 5 PM to 10 PM. Committee members suggested they find lights with black (or dark) wiring, and a suggestion was made that the lights be set to come on at "dusk" – adjusted as the seasonal light changes.

The meeting schedule for next year was distributed.

The next meeting is November 18, 2019.

Adjournment: Eric made a motion to approve, Hannah seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary