



Agenda

Design Review Committee Meeting

Monday, December 2, 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. 68 Main St. (UC-1/DCD/RHA/HD)
Owner: Turtledove Enterprises LLC
Applicant: Wood & Wood Signs
Review new wall sign.
5. Review and approve meeting minutes of 10/21/19 and 11/21/19
6. 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 21, 2019

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Present: Steve Everett, Eric Gilbertson, Martha Smyrski, Meredith Crandall - staff.

Absent: Hannah Smith, Seth Mitchell, Liz Pritchett (alternate), Ben Cheney (alternate).

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, Martha seconded. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

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

Alley Art: 77-79 Main Street

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.

The application is to place lights on the iron vine in the alley. Most lights will be white, with some small "bursts" of blue. Lights will be on a timer, and come on at dusk. At the second phase of the project, additional colors, patterns, or movement. The third stage of the project will include installing a plaque – though the design is not yet determined.

A recommendation by the Committee is that the wire color of the string of lights will be a dark color – green or brown. Any mountings on the brick face—either of lights or plaque—will be located in the mortar joints of the bricks.

Optional changes that the applicant may do is to have the metal plaque be of a brown or dark color, it may be up to 10"x12" in size and may be installed at the entry to the alley which describes the art project.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 3-0 vote.

100 State Street

Owner/Applicant: Capitol Plaza Corporation

Review plan for two traffic control/toll gates.

Fred Bashara was present. The gates will be entry and exit gates and installed on the Taylor Street and State Street entrances. There will be 24-hour-a-day parking for a fee. There will be a 15 minute grace period, because of the bank drive-up. The church will have 12 parking places available to them. The gates will open automatically for sirens.

The applicable criteria were reviewed and determined to be acceptable.

The application was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Review minutes from October 21, 2019 and November 4, 2019: There wasn't a quorum for the October 21 meeting. November 4th had one correction, the adjournment motion should be "to adjourn" not "approve". Eric made a motion to approve with the correction, Martha seconded. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Other business: Update from staff on draft design review regulations and overlay district change status. Meredith reported that the Planning Commission made some final adjustments, but she doesn't have a copy of those changes.

The next meeting will be December 2, 2019.

Adjournment: Eric made a motion to adjourn, Martha seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary