

Montpelier Design Review Committee Meeting

November 21, 2019

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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, 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