

Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015

1.) Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Community Development Committee was called to order by Vice Chairperson Patsy Cody at 5:30 p.m.

2.) Roll Call.

Members Present: Patsy Cody, Mike DeWild, Linda Groenendyk, Jody Lautenbach, Wayne Stienstra, Robyn Van Berkum, Dennis Vander Beek.

Members Absent: Jerry Brummel, Mike Kiser, Ginny Moore, Lori Parisee.

Others Present: George Wesselhoft – Director of Planning and Zoning, Jerry Byers – CDC Secretary, Steve Kraayenbrink – Marion County Bank, Bob Zandi – Architect.

3.) Design Permit Application – Marion County State Bank

A design permit application was submitted by Marion County Bank at 800 Main Street for an expansion of their first floor area and to add a second story. The work would include removing the front façade of the neighboring building and reconstructing a new façade that matches the existing bank building.

Steve Kraayenbrink, Marion County Bank president, spoke to the committee concerning the bank purchasing the building to the north of the bank and their plan to remodel the building and add a second floor.

There was discussion concerning the design submitted and how nice everything was going to look per different members of the committee.

Vice Chairperson Cody asked Mr.Zandi, architect for the project, if there was going to be any signage or lighting.

Mr. Zandi made some comments and observations about the project.

Robyn Van Berkum made a motion to approve as submitted.

Wayne Steinstra second the motion

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

4.) Election of Officers

Discussion ensued concerning election of officers. Mr. Byers informed the committee that current Chairperson Moore had served three consecutive terms and could not be approved for fourth.

Mike DeWild made a motion to elect Patsy Cody as Chairperson and have Ms. Moore move to Vice Chairperson.

Ms. Van Berkum seconded the motion.

Upon vote, motion carried.

Patsy Cody will be committee Chairperson for 2015 and Ginny Moore will serve as Vice Chairperson.

There were no changes to the Sign and Design Committees.

The Design Sub-committee consists of Dennis Vander Beek, Ginny Moore, and Mike Kiser.

The Sign Sub-committee consists of Patsy Cody, Robyn Van Berkum, and Jerry Brummel.

5.) Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2014, Special Meeting.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

6.) 2014 Design and Sign Permit Summaries

There was no discussion concerns the design and permit summaries.

7.) Other Business

a.) Pella Regional Health Center Pharmacy signage.

There was discussion concerning the Pella Regional Health Center Pharmacy sign. An alternate design had been approved by subcommittee but was not

approved by the Health Center. A second design was created and was reviewed by the entire committee and rejected. The committee talked about ideas for the sign and what they would like to see for design elements and was submitted back to the sign contractor.

b.) Sidewalk seating

Boats furniture submitted outdoor furniture for pre-approval by the committee for the outdoor seating in the downtown.

Mr. Vander Beek commented that the seats were cast aluminum.

There was discussion about how nice they looked reasonable they appeared.

Mr. Wesselhoft commented that “Work of our Hands” had been the only organization that had applied to have seating in front of their business in 2014.

The committee voted to approve the submitted designs.

c.) Entrance Signs

Chairperson Cody asked if there was any news concerning entrance signs to the city.

Director Wesselhoft told Ms. Cody that it was in the CIP for Planning and Zoning at the budget meetings on Thursday night

Discussion ensued.

8.) Adjourn

Chairperson Cody adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.
Jerry Byers
Building Official