

Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2013

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting of the Community Development Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ginny Moore at 5:35 p.m.

2.) Roll Call.

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

Members Absent: Jerry Brummel, Mike Kiser

Others Present: Jerry Byers, George Wesselhoft – Director of Planning and Zoning, Troy Dee – Owner, Lamp Post Lounge.

3.) Design Permit Application – Lamp Post Lounge

Design Permit Application was submitted for the Lamp Post Lounge, 813 ½ Washington, Pella, Iowa 50219. The application was for changes to the exterior of the building that would include:

1. Painting new fire exit door on north side white
2. Replacing new front door on north side, paint it white with beige trim. Accent door with side panels showing lamp post.
3. Replace west side door to new egress door, paint white
4. Paint existing doors on west side to match existing doors.
5. New sign for above front door.

The initial application was deferred by Sub-Committee and brought to formal committee.

Jerry Byers, secretary to the Committee gave some background on the project. He continued by telling the Committee that a new basement egress was required by the State Fire Marshal, which resulted in a new steel door on the east side of the front of the building. Egress was also required on the front door and a side door on the west resulting in other new or upgraded doors.

There was discussion about the doors already being in place and questions about them being solid or raised panels.

Troy Dee, owner of the Lamp Post Lounge, informed the Committee of the requirements of the State Fire Marshal's office for the Lamp Post to come into compliance. He continued by explaining everything that was done from a construction standpoint.

Chairperson Moore confirmed with staff that the first item was the front door.

Mr. Byers indicated that there were two items, the door and the sign above the door.

Patsy Cody spoke on behalf of the Sign Sub-Committee and stated that they liked the sign, just not the side panels on either side of the door. She continued by saying the door was nice and they would like to see Old World lanterns or lights on either side of the door for more of an Old World feel.

There was discussion about adding a canopy with signage in the future and lighting.

Patsy Cody made the following motions:

- a.) Fire door egress – painted color to be approved by sub-committee.
- b.) Alley doors on west side to painted white with matching trim.
- c.) Front door – painted a color to be approved by sub-committee.
- d.) Sign (matte finish) – above front door.

Mike DeWild seconded the motion.

Upon vote, motion was approved 8 to 0.

4.) Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the June 12, 2013, Regular Meeting.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

5.) Other Business

Patsy Cody spoke about having a political sign in a window. She said she was approached about it and spoke to City staff concerning political signage in the downtown. She indicated that it was exempt due to the political nature of the sign.

There was discussion concerning what constitutes a political sign or a political view.

Wayne Steinstra brought up a concern about the Sterling flags below the American flags in front of his office.

George Wesselhoft indicated that there is a provision in the code that would allow a corporate flag on private property.

Dennis Vander Beek brought up the Coming Attractions sign and the business being gone.

Mr. Wesselhoft stated there is a provision for abandon signs and that staff would look into it.

6.) Adjourn

Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.
Jerry Byers
Building Official