

ST. ALBANS CITY DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM MONDAY JANUARY 28, 2019
ST. ALBANS CITY HALL, 100 NO. MAIN STREET
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Evan Champagne, Vice-Chair Champagne; John Morrie; Stephen Poston;

Board Members Absent: KarenMarie Peltier, Chair; Elizabeth Reed

Staff Members Present: Chip Sawyer and Wendy Coy, Minute Taker

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm
 - a. **Consider any additions or deletions to the agenda** –
2. **Design Review – Consideration of the following applications:**
 - a. **Case DAB 2019-001 / 36 Street Lake / Parcel # 26049034** – The applicant seeks a favorable recommendation for a façade renovation and site plan review. Rebecca Arnold from Arnold and Scangas Architects was representing the applicant. The State Courthouse needs a handicap accessible ramp leading up to the main entrance of the courthouse. They would like to take apart the existing steps and reuse the granite for the new stairs and some planters on either side of the entrance. They would like to replace the steel framed door with aluminum to mitigate the rust. They are proposing a dark hunter green for the aluminum doors and the steel side doors. Vice-Chair Champagne asked if the color would match the current window color. Ms. Arnold stated that it would match as close as possible. The color on the windows currently is a blue green color. The existing side rails are painted black. They are rusting out and staining the granite. They are proposing a new stainless steel railing. They will keep the existing planters and trees. There will be new ground cover. They are removing the two existing flagpoles and replacing it with a single pole that will hang both flags with LED down-lighting that moves with the halyard. Vice-Chair Champagne asked if there would be any additional lights. Ms. Arnold stated that there would be the existing lights only. There are street lights out in front of the building. Vice-Chair Champagne asked if there was any lighting on the east side. Ms. Arnold stated that they hadn't really focused on that. They are not changing anything over there except for the handrails and replacing the flagstones with a concrete slab to avoid puddling. Vice-Chair Champagne stated that the applicant would need to have all of the appropriate lighting over all of the egresses. Vice-Chair Champagne asked if there were any examples of the brick that they would be using to be sure of a match. Ms. Arnold stated that they were using Trailblazers who were confident that they would be able to match the brick. Member Morrie stated that the City of St. Albans now requires 5 inch sidewalks. He recommended a matching height and that the sidewalk be cut to a joint. Ms. Arnold stated that they would put back what was taken out and that the newer architectural drawings show them going to a joint. They would also be putting in a snow melt system. Vice-Chair Champagne stated that he would like to see more bike parking. He liked the location of the bike parking. Member Morrie stated that he would like to see the handicap paint removed instead of painted over as it will eventually show through. Ms.

Arnold stated that she would take that comment back to the State. Member Poston stated that he would like to see adequate lighting; a proper match found for the brick; a new sidewalk to match existing City sidewalk and remove the handicap signs on the pavement. Member Poston made a motion to make a favorable recommendation for the façade renovation and site plan. There are four recommendations.

1. Adequate lighting over all of the egresses.
2. A proper match found to match the existing brick.
3. The new sidewalk needs to match the existing City sidewalk.
4. The existing handicap signs on the pavement be removed before the pavement is painted.

Member Morrie seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

3. Other Business –

- a. **Approval of December 17, 2018 Minutes –** Member Morrie made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Member Poston seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- b. **Other –**
 1. **Sign Updates –** None
 2. **Enforcement Updates –**
 - i. **The Grind –** There has been no news but the two months are not up yet.
- c. **Confirm next meeting date: February 25, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

4. Public Comment – None

- 5. Adjourn –** Member Poston made a motion to adjourn. Member Morrie seconded the motion. It passed unanimously at 7:08 p.m.

March 18, 2019 - Motion to approve minutes with changes made by Member Morrie, second by Member Poston, approved unanimously.

