

MINUTES
ST. ALBANS CITY DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER - CITY HALL
6:30 PM MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023
MINUTES

Approved as DRAFT minutes June 26, 2023

Board Members Present: Stephen Poston (Acting Chair), Erik Johnson, Elizabeth Reed, Alternate (via Zoom).

Board Members Absent: KarenMarie Peltier, Evan Champagne, John Morrie

City Staff Present: Sara Bennett, Property Services Manager; Carl Watkins, Minute Taker.

Members of the Public Present: Lisa Blouin (30 Kingman Street applicant,) Keith Taruski (42 Federal Street Applicant)

E. Johnson nominated S. Poston as acting Chair and second by E. Reed

A. Open Meeting – S. Poston called meeting to order at 6:38pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Assign Alternates (as necessary) **Erik Johnson and Elizabeth Reed assigned**
3. Consider any additions or deletions to agenda -None

B. Design Review – Consideration of the following applications:

1. Case 2022-019 / City Side Pub –30 Kingman Street / Parcel # 23048030

Applicant seeks a favorable recommendation for a façade color change. Property is in the B-1 Business 1 Zoning District and the DR-1 Traditional Downtown and Historic Review District.

Stephen started the hearing at 6:39pm with applicant L. Blouin presenting.

E. Johnson noted that the case was originally brought in November, and they are returning before the board to submit a new paint color. The new paint color is from a Sherwin Williams historical pallet.

It was noted the color is more muted and more in guidelines with what they wanted to see in color.

S. Poston asked if there were any other questions

E. Johnson verified that the applicant will be just repainting the yellow, noting that the location of the yellow was fine, just not the color.

L. Blouin answered in the affirmative.

S. Bennett asked if the board wanted to see a timeframe on the painting.

S. Poston offered 5 months for the recommendation or better stated, the end of June.

E. Johnson made a motion for a favorable recommendation of case 2022-019. Approved as presented with "Classical Gold," paint by Sherwin Williams to replace where yellow is currently painted. Painting to be completed by the end of June, 2023.

Second by E. Reed.

Motion approved with all in favor 6:47pm.

2. Case 2023-001 / Americanadian LLC –42 Federal Street / Parcel # 23033042

Applicant seeks a favorable recommendation for façade changes. Property is in the B-1 Business 1 Zoning District and the DR-2 Downtown Expansion Review District.

S. Poston started the hearing at 6:47 with applicant K. Taruski presenting.

It was noted that this needs an administrative decision, will not go back to the DRB.

K. Taruski introduced himself and the project.

He explained he was unable to complete the project about 3 years ago due to covid. He has completed everything that requires DRB approval, did not finish the façade. All has been purchased and is waiting for a decision to complete. The window brand is different from the original proposal that expired but the new version does match the existing windows. The colors match the color from the original case.

S. Poston verified that the windows were just a different brand

E. Johnson inquired if they were four pain double or two single panes.

S. Poston inquired about details on the trim. K. Taruski clarified that there is wood and PVC trim.

S. Poston asked if there was anything else different than the previous DAB case. S. Bennett noted that in her discussion with Mr. Taruski, there was nothing else that differed. K. Taruski confirmed this.

E. Johnson asked if parking was to remain the same. K. Taruski responded that there would be no changes.

S. Poston asked about an expected completion date and K. Taruski informed he planned to have it done by March, 2024.

E. Johnson made a motion for a favorable recommendation for Case 2023-001 as presented for the previously made recommendations in DAB Case 2018-006 with changes of the window vendor as provided.

Second by E. Reed.

Motion approved with all in favor 6:58

C. Other Business

1. Sign Updates – S. Bennett informed the Board there were no sign updates as permits have been low the last couple of months.
2. Enforcement Updates – Cityside was the only continued enforcement update at this time. Winter has seen enforcement slow down as well. In regards to The Main Squeeze extra window signage, Sara was looking for board direction. Sara will follow up with the Main Squeeze.
3. Approve meeting minutes – D&V tabled until next meeting
4. Confirm next meeting date: **February 27, 2023 6:30 PM**
5. Other
Discussion of Hangry donut brown paper on windows. S. Bennett noted that it could remain up until they were done with interior decorations. She had heard they were still working on the interior.

D. Public Comment -None

7:03pm adjourned