

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD OF THE TOWN OF STRASBURG HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL.**

ARB Members present: Chairperson Rathore and Board Members Kimmons, Lefkowitz, Massey, and Wheeler. Absent: Board Members Keefe and Poling.

Staff: Town Manager Spitzer, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pearson, and Clerk of Council Keller

**Chairperson Rathore** called the meeting to order.

**Discussion Item:**

***Strasburg Theater Marquee***

**P&Z Administrator Pearson** said he had sent the quote for repairs to the marquee to the ARB Members. He has been working with the owner and contractor on this and they have been back and forth on designs and he even turned down the first two proposals due to those being temporary patches. This repair will be a permanent fix and he would like for the work to begin soon.

**Board Member Wheeler** said it doesn't appear that they have concerns about the integrity or historic aspect of the marquee, but are only concerned with keeping it from falling.

**Board Member Massey** said the bottom is in bad condition and he thinks orange tape should be put around this area for protection. **P&Z Administrator Pearson** said barriers were going to be put up during construction, but they could look at this now. **Board Member Massey** said he is glad someone is going to do something about it, but the town is in a quandary as far as the out-of-town owner. **P&Z Administrator Pearson** said they would start construction as soon as this was approved.

**Chairperson Rathore** asked if the reason for the meeting was to discuss the marquee and not anything on the inside of the building and that was correct. He said as a matter of public safety, it is eminent that something is done fast. He is glad they are meeting on this. He asked if this requires a Certificate of Appropriateness and it does not since it is a repair.

**Board Member Massey** said the previous owner did a good job of rehabbing what they did, but it would take a major rehabilitation due to the basement.

**Chairperson Rathore** asked if the front is just being refurbished and **P&Z Administrator Pearson** thinks it is. He thinks they will be using similar materials. **Chairperson Rathore** asked about asbestos and **P&Z Administrator Pearson** doesn't think this is a concern as this is just the marquee which is not insulated.

**Board Member Wheeler** said she thinks **P&Z Administrator Pearson** has done a good job with absentee owners and **P&Z Administrator Pearson** said they knew the town was

going to do something and then charge them.

**Board Member Kimmons** thought this was pretty straight forward and didn't have many questions. He wanted the exterior to remain the way it had been.

**Board Member Massey** said the Board's main concern is that whatever is done does not change the look. **P&Z Administrator Pearson** said the quote appears to him that it will stay the same and he will do a final inspection and **Board Member Massey** said he should do some inspections during the construction.

**Chairperson Rathore** said it is an iconic structure in Strasburg and an important part of history of the town. He is excited to see this and the changes to the building and the town needs this.

**Board Member Kimmons** said there had been some discussion on the town making a community center and wondered where that was now. **P&Z Administrator Pearson** said he thought what Board Member Kimmons was speaking of was the Mixed Use/Mixed Income Grant (MUMI Grant) which was to put residential above and commercial below, but the study concluded that residential above would be cost prohibitive.

**P&Z Administrator Pearson** said there is a prospective buyer for the property.

**Board Member Massey** moved to recommend that the project go forth with the understanding that the design of the marquee not change; second by **Board Member Kimmons**. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**P&Z Administrator Pearson** said he is still waiting to hear back from the Sons of the Confederate Soldiers regarding the shed for the Rescue Squad and where the placement of the shed should be.

**Board Member Massey** said there is potential problem since the present rescue squad building hides part of the Dosh Building and he doesn't want to see it hidden. **P&Z Administrator Pearson** told where the proposed places were for the shed and he will discuss this and bring back to the ARB.

**P&Z Administrator Pearson** said they will look at a possible intern during the February meeting which will be held on February 25.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.