

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

APRIL 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Scott Anderson. Commission members present were Scott Anderson, AJ Coleman, Susan Edinger, John Meier, Victor Senn, and Patrice Spitzer (6). Jeff Oster was absent (1). Also present were Cody Grodi, Zoning Inspector, and Mark Easterling, Deputy Planning and Zoning Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Edinger moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting as written. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 05-21 (Tabled) – John and Becky Aubry are requesting a certificate of appropriateness to replace fourteen (14) windows on the house and to install a six (6) foot fence in the rear yard. The property is located at 322 W. Front Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 05-21 (Tabled). Mr. Anderson moved to un-table Application 05-21. Seconded by Mr. Coleman. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0). John Aubry was present and asked the Commission to disregard the original request for a vinyl fence replacement. He said that they will replace the fence along the alley with a similar wooden style fence that is found within the Historic District instead with a new gate. Mr. Aubry said that they have scaled back on the windows from the original application, and added that they will only be replacing the small casement windows along the basement with a wooden style that is aluminum clad on the outside. Mr. Easterling confirmed that if Mr. Aubry wants to change the height of the current four (4) foot fence to six (6) foot that he would need to apply with a new application. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Edinger moved to approve Application 05-21 (Tabled) as discussed with the wooden fence six (6) foot fence where there is an existing six (6) foot fence and replacement of wooden casement windows along the basement. Seconded by Ms. Spitzer. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 08-21 – M. Farooq and Grace Afridi are requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install railings on a second story porch. The property is located at 102 Walnut Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 08-21. The applicants were not present.

Mr. Senn moved to table Application 08-21 as submitted, due to the applicants not being present. Seconded by Ms. Edinger Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 09-21 – Wettle Awning, on behalf of Riverfront Candle Co., is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install an awning sign on the building. The property is located at 105 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 09-21. Mark Seegle, Wettle Awning, was present via AT Teleconference System. He added that they are removing the existing awning and replacing with a new dark blue canvas. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Edinger moved to approve Application 09-21 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Coleman. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 10-21 – Paul and Ellie McManus are requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a fence. The property is located at 228 E. Second Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 10-21. Paul McManus was present and added that they would like to install the fence along the perimeter of the alley for the safety of their grandchildren. There was a brief discussion about nearby properties with a six (6) foot fence. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Edinger moved to approve Application 10-21 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 11-21 – Luke and Elizabeth Batman are requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a patio/driveway in the rear yard and install gates on the existing fence. The property is located at 326 W. Front Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 11-21. Luke Batman was present, and showed the Commission pictures from the rear yard and the parking pad that their neighbors have. He confirmed that the back corner area is extremely shaded and that landscaping doesn't thrive in that location. Mr. Batman said that they have four young children and that they would like to utilize that rear location for a patio for their children to use and potentially for additional parking if needed. He confirmed that they will landscape around the patio, and added that they will install new four (4) foot gates onto the existing fence. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Edinger moved to approve Application 11-21 as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Spitzer. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 12-21 – Matt Temby, on behalf of Vault Health and Fitness, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install four temporary wall signs. The property is located at 117 E. Second Street and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 12-21. Matt Temby was present. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Edinger moved to approve Application 12-21 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Coleman. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 13-21 – Downtown Perrysburg Inc. is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a public art installation in Riverside Park. The property is zoned P (Park).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 13-21. Brandi Parcell, Downtown Perrysburg Inc. was present, and added that DPI has taken 2020 sponsorship dollars and is putting that money back into the community by way of a public art installation at Riverside Park. She said that they are hoping to get approval for a June installation, and that they have been working with the Toledo Arts Commission, the Mayor, local individuals for a peer review, and Yarder Manufacturing to complete this installation. Ms. Edinger said that she appreciates their efforts and that perhaps it's out of the scope of the Commission. Mr. Easterling confirmed that this application is a step in the process, and that it will also go to City Council for review. There was a brief discussion about the design of the art and how it will fit into the vision for the Historic District. Mr. Meier said that it's a great addition, but that he's concerned with the layout from a safety aspect, and Ms. Parcell confirmed that the prototype is now rounded instead of pointed as it was originally designed. She added that there will be twelve (12) planes total that will tilt and that the colors will represent a sunset. Ms. Spitzer said that she appreciates DPI working with the Arts Commission, but that she does not envision this art installation at Riverside Park. There was a brief discussion about why Riverside Park was selected. Ms. Parcell said that she did not know that the HLC review was a part of the process, and that she hopes that the future of Perrysburg is considered. There was a brief discussion about scaling the project down, and Ms. Parcell added that they considered the usable space at Riverside Park and expect the art to be a storytelling feature. Mr. Easterling confirmed that the City did a lot of research to find a purposeful location that would mitigate the risk, and a design/color that is symmetrical that ties into the sunset and the nearby memorial. Mr. Easterling added that a special meeting may be able to be scheduled for the Commission to further review this application, and Mr. Anderson said that he would like more information related to this art installation. Mr. Grodi confirmed that the HLC's decision matters regarding the proposed prototype. Ms. Spitzer said that she would like more information about the proposal and colors used, and Mr. Meier said that he would like to know the specific location. Mr. Easterling confirmed that the City is in support of this project. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Mr. Senn moved to table Application 13-21, and requested more detailed information from the applicant. Seconded by Mr. Meier. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 14-21 – Wettle Awning, on behalf of Sophia Lusting, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install an awning sign on the building. The property is located at 126 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 14-21. Mark Seegle, Wettle Awning, was present via AT Teleconference System, and added that they are requesting to recover the existing awning

with a new black sunbrella fabric for the new shop. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Spitzer moved to approve Application 14-21 as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Edinger. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 15-21 – Megan Craig is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a fence. The property is located at 431 E. Second Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 15-21. Lance Craig was present, and added that they would like to replace the existing damaged metal chain link fence with a wooden style fence. He said that they would like to replace the fence along the alley with a wooden shadowbox style and a dog ear wooden fence between the house and the garage by the driveway. Ms. Spitzer said that she likes the existing lattice, and Mr. Craig said that they will be removing that portion of the lattice as it is taller than what is allowed by Code. Mr. Craig said that they will move forward and install a shadowbox style fence in both locations, and Mr. Meier added that style gives the fence a little more depth and character. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Edinger moved to approve Application 15-21 as discussed. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 16-21 – Christopher and Emily Dietz are requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a fence. The property is located at 311 W. Second Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 16-21. Christopher and Emily Dietz were present via AT Teleconference System. Mr. Anderson said that he appreciates the thoroughness of their application. There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

Ms. Edinger moved to approve Application 16-21 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Meier. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Easterling said that he confirmed with Mr. Walters that it would be best to have a special meeting for DPI to further present their application. Mr. Anderson said that further communication from City Administration would help the Commission to better understand the support that the City has for this project. Mark Weber, 836 Cherry Street, said that he was a part of the peer review for the proposed art installation at Riverside Park, and that he likes the scope of the project. Ms. Spitzer said that the Commission needs to look at the park and the project as a whole. Mr. Senn confirmed that the proposed art installation will not obstruct the view at the park, and Mr. Weber added that the sculpture will be down on the unused hill. Mr. Meier said that he is in favor of the project.

The Commission briefly discussed the proposed Historic Boundary letters. Ms. Spitzer said that she did a little research with regards to the Historic Boundaries, and noted that the District was nationally recognized in 1975 by Hilda Bentley, and locally established in 1980.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve both sets of letters with their respective corrections that will be mailed to all property owners in question within the Historic Boundaries survey. Seconded by Mr. Meier. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alfaro