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Development Review Board Regular Meeting Minutes July 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Council Chambers, City Hall (6 N. Main Street)

A regular meeting of the Barre City Development Review Board was called to order by Chair Linda Shambo (Ward I) at 7:00 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Vice-Chair Denise Ferrari At Large, Ward II Richard Deep, Ward III Board Member Jim Hart III, and At-Large Members Betty Owen. Also in attendance was Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator. A quorum was determined by the Chair.

Absent – Ward II David Hough

Sign in sheet reflects for 237 N. Main Street, Fred & Richard Bashara, Richard Rubin, Maggie Vincent and Kathy Tullar; for 16 Laurel Street, Albert McKnight; for 71 Camp Street Roxanne Bedard; and Jessica Egerton.

Adjustments to Agenda; None

Visitors and Communications; None

Old Business:

Consideration of Minutes from June 7, 2018 Hearing:

- Motion to approve minutes was made by Board Member Deep and seconded by Board Member Owen. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Consideration of Decision from June 7, 2018 Hearing:

- Motion to approve decisions was made by Board Member Owen and seconded by Vice-Chair Ferrari. *Motion carried unanimously.*

New Business:

Bashara Paramount Theater, LLC (Property Owner & Applicant), 237 N. Main Street. Seeks Design Review Approval to paint façade of the building a different color. Central Business District, Design Review District #1.

Fred Bashara, Richard Bashara, Richard Rubin, Maggie Vincent and Kathy Tullar were sworn in at 7:02 PM.

Fred Bashara stated that they paint the building every 2-3 years, did not realize that they need to get a permit. That they were trying to coordinate the color of the building with that of the sign that their new tenant had put up. These colors have actually been on the building for years in a different configuration. Feel that the color makes the building pop.

Maggie Vincent, who is a tenant, does not agree with the color choice. Feels the color choice makes it look like a circus. Did try to reach out to the Bashara's but received no answer back.

Richard Ruben partner in the law firm and tenant. Spoke of the Design Review and the obligation of property owners to know that it exist. Feels that the Bashara's did not take into consideration the concerns of the tenant. Does not feel that it is not the right color for the downtown or their building. Asked the board to have the building painted another color more in character with the downtown.

To be approved at August 2, 2018 Development Review Board Hearing

Discussion took place about having painted the building many times and had never had to get a permit. The colors are still the same but the blue has been expanded instead of being just trim. Discussion about coming into the Board after the fact. Ms. Grandfield was asked to verify what the regulations state as far as color.

Board Member Owens made a motion to accept as presented, Board Member Deep seconded, *vote of 3-2 the motion was denied.*

Albert McKnight (Property Owner & Applicant), 16 Laurel Street. Seeks a Change of Use Approval to change from a single-family residence to a two family residence. Commercial District, Floodway.

Albert McKnight was sworn in at 7:20 PM.

Mr. McKnight explained that he when he purchased the house it was a single-family home. He had used it for his brother, children and grandchildren. There are two kitchens and entrances but when he has used it, it was used as an open house as there is door in the interior between the two apartments. He described the layout for the board. He works for Washington County Mental Health and would like to rent the apartment to them for his client.

Board Member Hart made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by Board Member Owen, *vote of 5-0 motion approved.*

Sarah Bedard (Property Owner & Applicant), 71 Camp Street. Seeks a Dimensional Waiver Request, to erect a deck with in setback allowances. R-10 District.

Roxanne Bedard representing Sarah Bedard was sworn in at 7:25 PM.

This is Sarah's first home and discovered after the fact that she needed a permit and was confused with the wording of the regulations. It is a small area and with snow plowing and parking, this was the only place to place it. Discussion about any complaints or comments from the neighbors, there has been none. Only lighting is solar. Discussion of distance of the setbacks.

Board Member Deep made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Vice-Chair Ferrari, *vote of 5-0 motion approved.*

Other Business: None

Roundtable: Permit Administrator introduced a possible candidate for the DRB, Katrina Pelkey.

Executive Session: Not needed.

The Development Review Board adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Board Member Hart, and seconded by Board Member Owen; *motion carried unanimously.*

An audio recording of the hearing is available through the City's Planning and Permitting Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator