

**CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE
HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD
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**May 17, 2017
CITY ADMINISTRATION ~ CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Barry Boyer, Paul Johnson, Tony Jankiewicz, Alice Massey, Marilyn Delong and Mike Combs; Kim Hunter, Clerk.

Chairman Barry Boyer called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. and declared a quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was approval of the March 2017 Meeting Minutes. Paul Johnson motioned to approve as submitted, seconded by Tony Jankiewicz. All in favor, motion carried.

The second item on the agenda was Certificate of Appropriateness #1-17, as requested by Philip Tipton, 3351 McDowell Rd, Grove City, for Community United Methodist Church, 120 N. Pickaway Street, to alter previously approved plans for demolition and replacement of existing elevator shaft.

Philip Tipton came to speak on behalf of the Community United Methodist Church. He stated the previous plans called for a large elevator and a three story stairway with glass. It was to match the Pickaway Street side of the building. However, the bid came in too high and the church decided to change the plans. The new plan will be to tear down the existing elevator shaft, which was built in 1994 and to replace it with a nicer, hospital sized elevator shaft. This will add a new entry with a little bit of glass. The new plan is less ornamented. The east side of the building does not have a lot of architectural detail. We are going to keep it simple with limestone sills and a light to accent the new part of the building. There will be insets to give the area more interest than just plain brick.

Paul Johnson stated I like the idea of adding the light. It is very dark in that area.

Philip Tipton stated the light will definitely help. We will also be installing a new fence to hide the mechanical units and they will be pulling the power lines underground.

Barry Boyer asked what the time line was for the project.

Philip Tipton replied the demo is planned for mid to late June and the project is scheduled to be completed by Pumpkin Show.

Barry Boyer asked if anyone had any comments or concerns about the new plans.

There were no comments or concerns.

Marilyn Delong motioned to approve Certificate of Appropriateness #1-17, seconded by Paul Johnson. All in favor, motion approved.

Informal Discussion:

Marilyn Delong stated she was concerned over the amount of signs in the Historic District that haven't been approved. She asked about a possible Code Enforcement Officer.

Tony Jankiewica stated there are signs going up all over the place and it looks terrible.

Kim Hunter stated I know there has been talk about getting a Code Enforcement Officer, but I haven't heard anything definite yet.

Tony Jankiewicz stated there will be a Main Street Project meeting tonight and encouraged everyone to attend the meeting. They will be discussing Heritage Ohio, which is a proven business plan that has been implemented in twenty-two different cities in Ohio. The cities that have implemented this plan started from nothing and are beginning to flourish. This is a four part plan that has worked for other cities. We need to get all merchants and business owners involved. This process will take time and will need the support of many volunteers to put this plan in to motion. It may take years, but we have to start somewhere. The internet has changed the world. We need to develop a reason for people to come here. We will have to address the money situation. It would be an investment, but if you bring people in you will bring money in. Tom Spring will be heading up this project.

Barry Boyer suggested having a destination event four times a year.

Tony Jankiewicz stated we need to find the flavor of this town that is different than malls. It is about providing a great shopping experience.

Marilyn Delong finished the conversation stating that she likes the personal touch that the local business add to the shopping experience.

Tony Jankiewicz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mike Combs. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Kim Hunter

