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Wednesday May 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall

MINUTES

- ❑ **Call to Order**
- ❑ **Salute to the Flag**
- ❑ **Roll Call: Present—Glen Feener, Chair, Vice Chairman Leigh Webb, Bob Lucas, Colby Morrill, Mike Mullavey, Paul Trudel; Planner Richard Lewis
Absent: Jeff Whitney**
 - ❖ **Seat Alternates: Mr. Morrill will be a voting member in place of J. Whitney at this meeting**
- ❑ **Approval of Minutes of the 04/25/2019 Meeting of the Board.** Motion by Webb/Mullavey to approve the minutes. Bob Lucas stated that the corporate name “NAPA” should be all capitals in the New Business hearing for Sanel Auto. Voted 4-0-1 to approve the minutes as corrected [Trudel abstains as he was not present on 4/25/19].

New Business:

H 19-04: New Signage for Vulgar Brewing Company, 378 Central Street

Damon Lewis, applicant, presented the plans for the signage which were provided to the Commission members. He said they focused their attention to the blade sign that will be hung on the front façade. He will be meeting with the sign company later this week to discuss the proposed signage. Member Webb asked why the branding and logo was not being carried over to the sign to be placed on the façade that faces the Park. Damon indicated that since the area where the sign will be installed is a pretty busy already and it might overpower the logo signage, so they stuck with the simpler lettering. Member Webb asked how the letters would be attached to the building. Damon stated they would be screwed into the wood on the façade.

Public comments were taken. Annette Andreozzi asked how big the signage was and exactly where it would be installed. Damon indicated that the lettering would be installed into the “boxed” wood area above the entrance door on the Park side. Ms. Andreozzi indicated that she was a bit concerned with the design of the park side signage and it not fitting into the historic district.

Planner Lewis asked for clarification of the size of the Park signage. Damon indicated that the “Vulgar” letters would be 12” high and 6” wide; the “Brewing Company” would be sized proportionally to fit underneath the company name. The letters would be stud-mounted to the wood siding. Member Morrill asked about the depth of the lettering. Damon indicated they would be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep.

Member Trudel stated he thought the blade sign was the best design he had seen for the downtown. The question was raised about why the blade sign would not work on the Park side area. Damon stated that the blade sign is oval and the area where the sign will be installed has a square frame so it would not look right. Jim Jones, who also voiced his support for the blade sign, asked the question of why the logo artwork could not be painted into the square frame. Damon indicated that this could be explored. Member Trudel asked about whether the applicant might consider focusing just on the blade sign right now and when the Park side signage is better defined, he could come back to the Commission for that approval. Damon indicated that he had no problem with that approach. Member Morrill asked if the image of the blade sign could be superimposed on the picture of the park façade area so the Commission could better understand how things will look after installation.

With no more questions or discussion, on a motion by Webb / Trudel, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the blade signage; a future meeting of the Commission will address the park façade signage.

H-19-05: Installation of new fire safety egress door at the rear of Vulgar Brewing.

Jim Jones represented the building owner. He stated the City’s Code Officer required this egress doorway. The door will lead to a 5’x5’ platform with stairs leading into the rear portion of the Park. The door will match the other doors for the brewery in color and design. He presented a revised picture of the door showing arched clear glass at the top instead of the colored glass. Member Webb asked if the door would be fitted with panic hardware. J. Jones stated yes.

Public comments were taken. Ms. Andreozzi asked what the platform will look like. Jim Jones stated it would be constructed out of pressure treated wood and it would have 2 steps down to the ground level. He also stated that there is grading work occurring in the Park to correct the problem of water flowing from the park into the basement. This work will result in some adjustments to the final finished grade of the Park, so the stairs will match up with the final grade. It is possible that only 1 step may be required. Having 1 or 2 steps means that no handrail is required for the steps. Member Lucas asked about the need for ADA compliance for this emergency exit area. Damon Lewis, from Vulgar Brewing,

stated that the platform will provide adequate room for anyone in a wheelchair to be appropriately assisted in an emergency exit situation; no ramp is required.

With no other comments or questions, on a motion by Trudel / Mullavey, the Commission voted 5-0-0 to approve the installation of the door, platform, and steps.

H 19-06: Installation of Vinyl Siding in the rear courtyard of Buell Block

Planner Lewis indicated that the Commission approved about 2 years back the use of cement board for the wall facades that front into the courtyard area. The applicant is seeking permission to instead use a high-end “cedar impression” vinyl. Jim Jones represented the building owner. He stated that the courtyard area does not get as much sun as other areas of the building and therefore it is a damper area; the vinyl will provide for improved moisture protection of the building. He expressed a concern that the red vinyl that is on the “dog houses” will fade too much over time. He believes that a gray color will work better; the gray color was approved in 2017. Member Webb asked what the underlying material was. Mr. Jones stated it was OSB with a barrier.

Public comments were taken. Ms. Andreozzi stated that she would rather see the vinyl match the red brick color that is prominent in the courtyard. J. Jones again stated that the gray would weather better over time; he would be okay with white vinyl if the Commission felt that was appropriate. Member Mullavey stated he had no problem with the gray color.

With no other comments or questions, on a motion by Lucas / Mullavey, the Commission voted 5-0-0 to approve the use of the gray vinyl siding in the courtyard area.

Other Business: Planner Lewis spoke about the thought of establishing a firm monthly date for Commission meetings. The Commission members felt that this would be a good idea. A meeting date of Tuesday June 18th will be explored for meeting space availability. The members did say that meetings may still need to be called apart from an established scheduled to accommodate the needs to business or property owners.

Public Comment: Ms. Andreozzi told the Commission that she feels it is important for the Commission to receive complete and accurate plans & drawings, or pictures of the proposed work for any project application. This includes both façade work and signage. Getting reliable information helps the Commission and it helps the applicant. She said that when she looks at the work performed on the façade of the Odd Fellows Hall that some of the details appear to be different than what was shown on the submitted plans. Member Lucas comments that getting this level of reliable plans would help answer questions of the Commission and close the loops for all issues of concern.

Damon Lewis asked about the scheduling of the next meeting for June 18th. He stated this would create a problem for his getting the approval for the signage that faces the Park, since the sign company needs fabrication time and their opening will be late June or early July. Member Trudel said the Commission will work with Damon to schedule a meeting to accommodate his timeframes.

Approved 6-25-2019

Motion by Lucas / Trudel to adjourn at approximately 7:10 PM.

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