

MANDAN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

December 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Leonard Bullinger/President, Robert (Bob) Vayda, Mitch Bitz/Fire Dept., Jerome Gangl, Jason Krebsbach & Kim Fettig/City Engineering.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Zander, Richard Barta, & Steve Nardello.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Proposal by Alvera Sellheim and the other partner of the business, for new signage for a thrift store named Dakota Help Fill a Dream, located at 216 West Main St. The new sign is a wall mount with dimensions of 4' x 15'. Alvera has come forward to the MARC for approval of the sign that was already up and operating, as she was not aware of the ordinance for the downtown Core area and did not know she was to come before the board for approval of this sign. She also indicated she has another sign that projects out from the building with the name of the business, phone number, and has colors that match the sign on the building.

Members of the board indicated to her that the guidelines for the sign background cannot be white. It can be beige or another color, just not white. The guidelines were put into place to make them more uniform in the downtown area. Board members also addressed the fact there were two signs, which according to the sign policy, they could only have one and that also the one sign was projecting from the building and this is not allowed now under the new sign guidelines.

Alvera and her business partner indicated they were unaware of the ordinance and that the cost of the background for other colors other than white was very expensive. She also indicated she was very careful in selection of these colors and thought they complement the building colors and thought the sign was tastefully done. They also indicated the sign on the building is a backlit sign and the letters were vinyl and were also very expensive.

It was iterated that it puts members in a difficult position when signs are put up without consent of the board and that is why it is so important to come before the board to prevent these types of things from happening.

Jason Krebsbach indicated he was related to these individuals and would be willing to sit down with them and discuss their options. Board members were in agreement with that and were informed they would need to set up another meeting in a couple of weeks to come before the board again. The decision on this proposal was tabled for later time.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jesse Sailer, potential applicant for the MARC opening, presented today to discuss her interest and qualifications for the position. Jesse stated she lives in Mandan and has been here for about 1-1/2 years now and really likes the community. She currently works for the Chamber of Commerce. She indicated her interest in leadership and says she works extensively with businesses through the Chamber of Commerce and feels she

offers a unique background of knowledge and experience that is quite different from others on the board. She stated she understands what MARC does and would also be able to attend the meetings and is very interested in serving this community.

Leonard summarized what the MARC board does in regards to approval on signs and buildings, landscaping, colors, materials used, etc. The board members are expected to make it to the majority of the meetings. Jason explained when the board was formed and discussed how the design guidelines became policy. Board members thanked Jesse for coming in today and stated we had two other applicants that will be interviewed next Monday and that we should know by Tuesday of next week of their decision.

DISCUSSION: Members discussed the sign policy and what their main concerns are aesthetically and costs. We should have clear determinations on these matters and clear opinions. Kim indicated we need to slow down and not allow too much leniency or this could become a problem.

MINUTES: Approval of November 27, 2012 meeting minutes.

Kim motioned to approve the minutes.

Jerome seconded.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Date

Transcribed by:
Rachel Hastings/Admin. Assistant