

MANDAN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

November 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Leonard Bullinger/President, Robert (Bob) Vayda, Steve Nardello/Fire Chief, Richard Barta/Building Official, Jerome Gangl, & Kim Fettig/City Engineering.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Zander, Jason Krebsbach

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Proposal by Brad Feldman, Indigo Signworks, to remove and replace multiple signs at M&H Gas at 322 E. Main St. I'll just go through each one they are doing. Currently as it sets on the east side of the building, the small photo shows the Beer Store sign, it is like a plex-type face and has yellowed over the years. They want to replace that with a flex face so basically we are going to build a retro frame of flex face and it is going to say the exact same thing. It is just going to be cleaned up and not going to be yellow and aged. It is going to be a nicer look. Then on the south side where it shows on the photos three signs existing, we plan to do something similar as the other, they are going to get rid of the changeable copy. The cabinets are all staying, we are just building retro frames that are going to attach to it. The three signs will be 1) Beer Store, 2) Tobacco Store, and 3) Car Wash. It will be the same thing as the other, flex face so basically just refacing them. That way we get rid of the changeable copy ones. Then on the pole side we are looking at changing where their gas prices are setting right now, they just have the one for Unleaded, they want to have it where it shows both gas and diesel prices on there since they offer diesel now and then changing out that changeable copy to a message center. It will be 10 feet off the ground like we measured before.

Robert (Bob) Vayda had a question from an earlier MARC meeting held on April 13, 2010, there was a discussion about another pylon sign, was anything ever done with that or were they vacating that idea or what. The car wash sign, they have talked about taking that down and moving that to the west; however, at this time they are not going to do that with winter, but there is talk about doing that at a later time.

Steve motioned to approve

Jerome Gangl seconded.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Proposal by R.D. Reimers, owner and soon to be C.P.A., to put up a couple of signs on the exterior. I spoke to Mike Haag of Haag Signs about putting up a couple signs on the exterior of the All Building. Reimers stated his actual location is on the third floor, but there are a couple of spots that the owner approved for him to put up a sign. The first page shows the building right on Main Street and 3rd on the corner. On the front of the building where the other signs are located they have wood backing so he would be making a metal sign to attach to this wood backing. The colors would be green,

yellow and white. Over the main door, there is a spot for a sign and he picked just to the right basically on the 104 building right above the main door as well. The dimensions of the sign above the main building would be 3' x 5' and the other sign would be 3' x 4,' they would be designed to fit the wood backing. Leonard Bullinger stated the only problem he sees is that he has got two signs facing on the same side of the building and he didn't think we were allowing that on the street side. You could have one or the other sign but not both. They don't have a directory listing anymore. Reimers stated he just wanted to get something on Main Street so traffic could see it. It was recommended to have it on the front of the building where the address shows as you could still see the sign from the street. The other sign could be on Main Street. Reimers hopes to have his office open by mid December 2012.

Discussion: With the downtown core, we were not allowing white background. You could do beige or something else just as long as it blends in.

Richard motioned to approve with one sign on the west side and one sign on the south side and a different background color of the sign, can't be white, has to be changed to a tan or beige or some other color.

Jerome seconded.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously.

Richard Barta mentioned Buffalo Concrete may come in. I thought they were going to show up because we posted them at the Do More sign – Buffalo Concrete put that painted sign underneath without permit or permission. They stopped into my office and I told them if they wanted to they could stop by at 1:00 p.m. if they decided to take action and if they don't they don't.

It was also noted an illegal sign was put up. George's Bakery did not come before us with a changed sign. It will be a thrift shop. The sign is up and is operating. Richard was going to ask George to post a Stop Order or Correction Notice.

OTHER BUSINESS: We have two applicants for the MARC opening. Kim stated they actually both sound like they would be ones to have on. Kim from Engineering suggested we contact both of these applicants to come in next Tuesday and talk to us about themselves and at least meet them. If we do it next Tuesday at regular meeting time then we can bring it to the City Commission meeting on December 18th and get them started by the beginning of the year. They would not start until January 1st. The deadline is November 30, 2012, so in case we get additional applicants, then they could get invited in too. Richard stated he would put in a notation for this meeting for December 4, 2012 and allow approximately 15 minutes for each applicant. If we get any additional applicants by Friday, November 30, 2012, we can let all members know and set up appointments. We will send out packets to everyone to show we have two applicants and any additional ones. Members stated they wanted the packets mailed out to them by Friday so they can review them over the weekend and possibly drive by the locations before the next MARC meeting. The packet of information should be in color if we have it. Sometimes the people bring them in and they are not in color.

MINUTES: Approval of October 30, 2012 meeting minutes.

Kim motioned to approve the minutes.

Richard seconded.

Upon roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Approved by:

Date

Transcribed by:

Rachel Hastings/Admin. Assistant