

Olde Town Design Review Committee, May 21, 2015

Notes taken by Carl Campanella

The DRC meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Present board members: Debbie Pearson, chair; Matthew Prythero; Scott Spears; Chuck Wembe; Roger Drienka; Stephen Thompson (newly appointed). Dennis Culligan was absent and it was duly noted and approved.

Also present: Rita McConnell, Director of Community Development; Cheryl Drake, city planner; Randall Sampson, senior assistant city attorney.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved, Stephen Thompson took the oath of office as a new appointee. It was stated that Roger Drienka had been reappointed to a three year term (*Not by due process or protocol – my words.*)

DG2015-0011, Waiver for material for 4 Barrel Beer and BBQ SIGN:

Three options offered from the City. Ownership was fine with the three suggestions.

Do not paint over the "antique" brick, no vinyl over the "antique" brick, no heat shrink over the "antique" brick.

The ownership has located additional matching "antique" brick as replacement if any were to be damaged.

Attaching the sign directly to the "antique" brick is not an option. It was agreed that the sign would be put on wood then bolted into the exact place and be the exact size of the former Bella Bistro sign.

Ms. Pearson moved to grant the waiver for material and approve the sign with conditions.
Unanimous approval.

The owner voiced his frustration with having to spend so much time on approval for a sign that is the exact same size as and gong on the building in the exact same location as the former Bella Bistro sign.

Rita McConnell spoke about the training process and how it will be ongoing. Stated that this committee, even though non quasi judicial and volunteer, works in a small geographical area. All parties need to be aware of conflict of interest and know when to recuse themselves to avoid conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest.

Since by state law state new DRC officers are to be elected in June, and Ms. McConnell and Mr. Sampson will both be absent at the time of elections, it was moved the bylaws be suspended and elections held in July.
Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.