

Olde Town Design Review Committee, July 16, 2015

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The Design Review Committee meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

Debbie Pearson, chair; Matthew Prythero; Scott Spears; Chuck Wembe; Stephen Thompson; Dennis Culligan. Mr. Drienka was the lone member absent.

The first agenda item: Community Banks of Colorado, operating the former Arvada First National Bank, have submitted a request to make some changes to the facade of the building as this will be one of the first buildings seen when the Old Town Station starts operation.

The bank is requesting the three windows on the west side of the bank be replaced with larger plate glass windows for security reasons. If an evening alarm does sound, the police have the front doors to peer into the interior of the bank. This is a safety issue for them. With the larger windows added, police would have better viewing access.

The discussion centered around the windows brought up a few concerns.

- 1). Would this maintain the integrity of the building? The bank architect stated it would only increase the size of the windows and the integrity of design would be intact. Some concern was raised about the glass blocks and it was suggested these blocks be replaced with clear glass blocks instead of enlarging the existing windows. It was stated by the architect that the windows are not the original windows have been replaced several times over the life of the building.

The most recent remodel mentioned was in 1939. Still, design integrity was placed over security and the option of replacing the block glass seemed to be the most favorable to the committee.

- 2). The next item discussed was the damage to the building on the south west corner: terra cotta is available to repair the building and will not compromise the design integrity. Paint will also be compatible.
- 3). Requested that a sign above the turn in be placed so people would be able to see that the ATM is accessible. This would also message that there is an ATM available. A canopy duplicating the front canopy as close as possible would also be used to cover the ATM.

Replacement of the windows, developing a new compatible design compatible, and replacing the block glass windows in the front are considered a distinctive architectural element for a modern style building. Original building materials should be preserved; given a partial waiver pending alternatives being presented.

The remaining design and improvement requests, with the exception of the sign were favorable. The sign requests should go through Variance Board.

Elections were held, D. Spenser re-elected as Chairperson, Matthew Prythero, elected as co-Chairperson, and Scott Spears as Secretary. The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.