

**PIQUA DOWNTOWN DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 23, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**Board Room - Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce**

Members Present: Jim Oda, Brad Bulp, Ann DeBrosse Comer, Ruth Koon and Brenda Vetter.

Staff Member: Lorna Swisher

Mr. Oda called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEM NO. 1: MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 25, 2012 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Ruth Koon to approve the minutes as presented and Mrs. DeBrosse Comer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM NO. 2: RESOLUTION DRB 01-13**

**A resolution requesting a certificate of appropriateness for the placement of window signs at 110 W. High Street.**

Lorna Swisher gave the staff report. This request calls secondary window signs to be placed on the two large windows facing Main and High Streets on either side of the main entrance and a sign on each of the two doors leading into the business (one on the corner and one on the Main Street facade.) The signs are described on the submission as custom cut vinyl decals with gold leaf lettering with black accents and will give the appearance of being etched on the glass. Mr. Brian Quinter was on hand to answer questions and presented an example of a free standing sign that shows the etched glass look with the gold leaf and black as it is similar to the design presented to the board. Mr. Quinter also referenced a passage in the National Park Service preservation brief pertaining to signs and historic buildings.

Mr. Oda noted the building is a Richardsonian Romanesque building constructed in 1891 and rehabbed in 2008. Mr. Oda further noted the number of signs is permitted because the business is located on a corner. Mrs. DeBrosse Comer noted that she found City Planning director Chris Schmiesing's very informative and that this amended sign submission (versus the one that was distributed via email last week) to be much more in keeping with the building.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer to approve Resolution 01-13 and Mrs. Brenda Vetter seconded the motion. Roll Call AYE: Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer, Mrs. Ruth Koon, Mr. Brad Bulp, Mrs. Brenda Vetter and Mr. James Oda. The motion passed.

**ITEM NO. 3: RESOLUTION DRB 02-13**

**A resolution requesting a new wall sign at 320 N. Main Street.**

Lorna Swisher gave the staff report. This request calls for a new wall sign to be installed at 320 N. Main Street. The sign is in the same location and is the same size as the previously approved sign for a different business in the same location. The property owners were

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present for the meeting but said they misunderstood the meeting notice as an approval and the sign has already been installed.

Mr. Oda noted the building was originally constructed in the 1880's but that there is no historic fabric left on the Main Street façade. The building's most recent remodeling occurred in the 1970's or 80's.

The sign that was installed actually has a slightly different background color and larger letters than the submission indicated but actually the Board members preferred the existing layout. The existing sign also has some filigree embellishments on either side of the words "Lovely Variety"

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruth Koon to approve a certificate of appropriateness for the sign in the amended Resolution 02-13 and Mr. Brad Bulp seconded the motion. Roll Call AYE: Mrs. Ann DeBrosse Comer, Mrs. Ruth Koon, Mr. Brad Bulp, Mrs. Brenda Vetter and Mr. James Oda.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**OUTSTANDING CODE VIOLATIONS**

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James Oda, Chairman

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Brad Bulp, Vice-Chairman