
**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
DESIGN REVIEW & PRESERVATION BOARD**

MINUTES

13-Feb-02

Present

J. BIANCO, CHAIRMAN
P. EVANS
J. FORTUNA
N. STAMLER
B. PLUMLEY

Absent

D. BROWN
B. KRONENBERGER
N. GOFF
M. BRADY

Also Present

M. JOHNSON
R. RIZZO

The meeting commenced at 5:40 PM.

Minutes from the regular November meeting were approved.

Next, R. Rizzo, representing Town and Country Auto of Newfield Street presented plans for a re-facing of their freestanding sign. The sign was approved unanimously.

Next, M. Johnson updated board members on the passage of the revision to the sign code prohibiting internally illuminated signs on Main Street. J. Fortuna remarked that more could be done to improve pedestrian safety on Main Street. J. Bianco inquired about lights on College Street. B. Plumley noted that any lighting initiative in the Village District should be compatible with plans for the downtown.

Next, plans for striping the canopy of the Washington Street Mobile Station were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Next, the sign for Game Zone was discussed. The sign was put up without obtaining a permit or Design Review. As it is a startup business and the impacts of the sign are minimal and the ownership of the building is in transition, board members directed M. Johnson to draft a letter from the Board saying that no action would be pursued for now. However, when ownership transferred and the business had had some time to establish itself, Game Zone must develop a new sign and follow regular permitting procedure. If money is still a problem, Game Zone could approach Main Street for a sign grant. P. Evans so moved, B. Plumley seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Next, N. Stamler directed M. Johnson to inquire with J. Parker if the Guy Rice building could be inspected sometime as its condition was becoming dangerous.

Next, J. Bianco presented plans for Kidcity's expansion, withdrew from the Chair, and recused himself. P. Evans chaired for the ensuing discussion about the expansion's design. N. Stamler made a motion to approve, B. Plumley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with J. Bianco abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Munro W. Johnson