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

MINUTES

8-Nov-00

Present

J. BIANCO, CHAIR
N. STAMLER
P. EVANS

Absent

D. BROWN
N. GOFF
B. PLUMLEY
B. KRONENBERGER
J. FORTUNA

Also Present

M. JOHNSON
T. CONCANNON
J. ALEXANDER

The meeting commenced at 5:20 PM.

T. Concannon, Director of Main Street Middletown, presented a facade proposal to the Board for the property occupying the southeast corner of Main and Washington Streets. The most significant part of the proposed was to replace the existing pebbledash stucco sign background with a new wood sign board. The presentation was of an 8" wide mahogany frame with a blank inset for the sign lettering. The sentiment of the board in attendance was that a blank insert needed to be included, so that the building maintains a completed look even during times of tenant / sign changes (1/2 or 3/4" MDO plywood would be fine). Concern was also expressed that the clear finish on the mahogany frame will requires a high level of attention and maintenance. J. Bianco stated that the mahogany should not be butted but rather overlap the blank sign body. The Board informed T. Concannon that, as plans for the sign evolved, the Board was willing to hold a special meeting to review the sign before it was finalized.

Next, N. Stamler presented a draft press release and reported that First and Last Tavern had expressed a willingness to host the award reception. P. Evans suggested that a brief history of the Board might be appropriate for the press release.

Lastly, J. Alexander spoke on behalf of Main Street Middletown's Design Subcommittee, expressing the subcommittee's interest in expediting a streetscape plan and implementing street improvements in a more coordinated manner. J. Bianco agreed with J. Alexander that money should be set aside for paying a professional to complete a streetscape plan. Agreement was also expressed on the point that improvements be planned in enough specificity to leave minimum room for fudging, perhaps taking plans to the level of schematics and construction documents.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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