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

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**MINUTES**

*Nov-13-02*

**Present**

J. BIANCO, CHAIRMAN  
D. BROWN  
B. KRONENBERGER  
N. STAMLER

**Absent**

M. BRADY  
P. EVANS  
J. FORTUNA  
N. GOFF  
B. PLUMLEY

**Also Present**

M. JOHNSON  
R. SCHMITT  
K. FRIEDMAN  
R. OLIVERAS  
F. FIORE

The meeting commenced at 5:35 PM.

In lieu of a quorum, the meeting proceeded with instructions to staff to obtain the formal review by P. Evans when she returned from abroad. N. Stamler said she was not at the previous meeting and should be removed from the "Present" column in the minutes. The minutes were then approved as amended. Next, R. Schmitt and K. Friedman, of Wesleyan University, presented plans to provide a temporary ADA ramp for Russell House. Members were circumspect over the "temporary" intent of the proposal and the city's ability to enforce same. Also, a very similar proposal has been rejected by the Board as a permanent ramp in recent history, increasing Board skepticism that a more deliberate, permanent, and acceptable solution would be forthcoming. R. Schmitt assured Board members that a Request for Proposals was currently out for designs for such a solution. As the Board considers Russell House to be of the highest aesthetic and historic importance to the city, they withheld approval of the proposal.

Next, R. Oliveras of Eye Poppers Design presented banner-sign proposals for their new business on the second floor of the Pythian Building. D. Brown thought the colors might not blend in with the building or the burgundy-colored awnings on the ground floor facade. J. Bianco agreed and suggested exploring more neutral colors. On a motion by B. Kronenberger, seconded by N. Stamler, the Board approved the banners with the provision that alternative color schemes be forwarded to them via email and additionally approved. [Subsequently, R. Oliveras and M. Johnson emailed members two color schemes, the burgundy-colored one which polled the most favorably.]

Next, F. Fiore of High View Health Care presented sign proposals for that facility's Randolph Road property. Upon the agreement of both the applicant and the Board, the sign proposed for the Highland Avenue frontage was adjusted to a new location, as marked and initialed by the applicant and the Chairman. On a motion made by N. Stamler, seconded by B. Kronenberger, the application was approved as amended.

Lastly, M. Johnson distributed updated signage proposals for the Armory Hotel, as rendered by Group One architects. The Hotel sign labeled "Scheme B" was approved on a motion made by B. Kronenberger, seconded by N. Stamler. B. Kronenberger asked M. Johnson to verify background color on the sign, along with illumination and cap for the base. The restaurant sign was not approved.

J. Bianco informed Board members that he and staff were working with the Village District on a potential redesign of McCarthy Park. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Munro W. Johnson