

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
FORT THOMAS DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
HELD AT THE CITY BUILDING  
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Lori Wendling, Chair  
Barry Petracco, Vice Chair  
Mark Thurnauer, Secretary  
Pat Hagerty  
Chris Manning

**ABSENT:** Jeffrey Sackenheim  
Barb Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kevin Barbian, Building & Zoning Administrator  
Debbie Buckley, Renaissance Manager/Economic Development Director

Lori Wendling presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Approval of the minutes from the May 30, 2019 meeting was postponed.

Kevin Barbian and Debbie Buckley gave a brief introduction as to the GROW Grant that the City of Fort Thomas is offering. All of the items on the docket are associated with the grant, many of which are not typically reviewed by the DRB as they are not within the CBD zone.

**Doug Schoepf**, 100 Winston Hill, described upgrades to the building at **880 Alexandria Pike**. Discussion ensued and ultimately it was decided upon to ask for: individual black numbers associated with the address, a bronze door frame be installed, aqua blue planters, black benches per diagram, black awning with or without a thin white strip, and black railings.

**Tracy Davis, 919 N. Fort Thomas Avenue**, State Farm Insurance, requested a change in the garage door near Memorial Pkwy. Ms. Davis intends to keep the same white color and type of door, but remove the windows. DRB asked that the man door be colored in a similar fashion as the new garage door.

**Hank Pogue**, Fort Thomas Enterprises, discussed the replacing of the awnings at **11 S. Fort Thomas Ave.** with the same color. No objections from DRB.

Hank Pogue, Fort Thomas Enterprises, discussed multiple modifications to the properties at **654 Highland Avenue**. Specifically, the deck will slightly increase in height. While increased, the DRB asked that the applicant remove the top of the stone wall and extend the deck over this area, to assist in improving walking path safety. While raising, Carl Forester Reed grass should be added to the front of the deck to assist in the screening of the underside of the deck. Timber Tech Tiger Wood should be used as coloration of the new decking. Significant discussion took place regarding the arbor and how it should be constructed. Mark Thurnauer and Pat Hagerty suggested a typical arbor structure with perhaps accents as noted in attached diagram. Lattice could be used horizontally, on top and would not sag with a typical roof structure design. Vertically, it was suggested that a shutter be used but lattice seemed acceptable.

Hank Pogue, Fort Thomas Enterprises, discussed modifying the sign in front. Specifically, after significant discussion, it was decided upon to have a dark vertical color for the structure, whether wrapping the steel

frame or not. Additionally, filling in the gap between the top two signs, to unify the entire sign, as well as leaving the scalloped cap.

Ashli Slawter did not present at the meeting and intends to come back next month.

**David Gross**, 33 Mel Lawn, representing **24-26 N. Fort Thomas Ave.**, discussed repairing the current overhang. Nothing submitted required design review for this aspect of the project. Significant discussion ensued regarding the number and content of existing and proposed signage. Part of the request exceeded allowances by zoning. Therefore, it was determined that: 1. the large Gross Insurance sign at the top of the building, remain "as is" for a number of reasons. Specifically, the proposed sign was too large and modifying the sign would give no real benefit to the business due to its height. All new illumination proposed should have similar color and intensity as is present. Hardware for projecting sign should be dark bronze in color to match windows. Type face and color for the added projecting sign, should match both front facing signs for uniformity. Drug Center sign to North should be removed to allow projecting sign; it is also blocked by a tree and does not provide significant benefit. Remove Gross Insurance sign over door. At some point in future, sign font should be changed in the 1st floor window to match other signs, as well as create consistency of "Ft" instead of "Fort" among all signs. The motion for revisions, as this project is in the CBD zone, was made by Lori Wendling, seconded by Pat Hagerty, and approved all ayes.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Mark Thurnauer and seconded by Chris Manning to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.