

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
FORT THOMAS DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
HELD AT THE CITY BUILDING
ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry Petracco, Vice Chair
Mark Thurnauer, Secretary
Pat Hagerty
Chris Manning
Jeffrey Sackenheim
Barb Thomas

ABSENT: Lori Wendling, Chair
Kevin Barbian, Building & Zoning Administrator

ALSO PRESENT: Julie Rice, Administrative Assistant

Chris Manning presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes – May 28, 2020 – Postponed

NEW BUSINESS

1051 S. Fort Thomas Avenue – That Lady Barber

Jazzman, Inc. – Property Owner
Laura Novak, Applicant/Business Owner
Exterior Building Alterations & Signage

Laura Novak, 611 Park Avenue, Newport, was present to address the board. Ms. Novak stated that she has been sharing shop space with barber, Jim O’Neill, who has recently retired and sold his building at 1113 S. Fort Thomas Avenue. Ms. Novak will be moving her business a few doors up from Mr. O’Neill’s building to 1051 S. Fort Thomas Avenue. They have begun interior renovations and are projecting an opening date of August 3rd.

Ms. Novak would like to move the barber pole from 1113 S. Fort Thomas Avenue (previously approved by the DRB for this location) to her new shop at 1051 S. Fort Thomas Avenue. She would like to place the barber pole to the right of the front door, apply window signage in a simple white or cream, and add her business logo to the glass of the front door. There is an existing projecting sign bracket above the left side of the door which she would use to hang her sign. The proposed sign is 36” round and made of stainless and/or black steel with a black frame. She will probably go with the stainless so that it can be read from both sides. The bottom of the sign is 7 feet from the ground. Mr. Manning asked Ms. Novak to confirm that distance before the sign is mounted.

Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the barber pole. Ms. Novak stated that she would like for the top of the pole to be in line with the top of the storefront window. Members concurred that this would be an appropriate location.

Ms. Novak noted that the transom window which was painted over by a previous tenant, has been scraped and is clear again. Other broken windows around the door have also been replaced.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Mark Thurnauer and seconded by Jeffrey Sackenheim to approve the window signage in white or off-white as submitted, the hanging sign as submitted provided it meets the building code related to the height of the sign, and the barber pole to be located on the right side of the door as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

143 N. Fort Thomas Avenue – Tallant Music Studio

David Hosea – Property Owner

Caileen Tallant – Applicant/Business Owner

Signage

Caileen Tallant, 580 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, was present to address the board. Ms. Tallant stated that they are opening a private music instruction school at 103 N. Fort Thomas Avenue. She previously worked at the Slater Music School which has closed so they are now renting the first floor of 103 N. Fort Thomas Avenue (formerly Bowman Framing). They currently have temporary signs in the front yard and their request is to install a permanent sign utilizing the existing sign posts from the frame shop. Ms. Tallant stated that the proposed sign is sandblasted redwood with her logo (TMS) painted light blue, pink, and yellow in the center. The sign will hang from chains. The design and colors of the logo have been used in the design of the studio. They choose the cursive font for the main sign in soft primary colors for its elegance and for the small hanging sign below, they used a bold print so that it is easily read. The borders of the sign are “quarter rests” so they play off of a musical notation. The lettering, logo, and border will be raised and the background of the sign will either be cream or off-white. The sign post has been painted white with blue accents which will match the sign.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed cursive font and the possibility that it may be too difficult to read. Mr. Sackenheim noted that the yellow “s” in the logo may be lost against a cream background. A white background may allow the “s” to stand out a little better. Ms. Tallant agreed that a white background would be a better choice. The board recommended that Ms. Tallant ask the sign company if there is another cursive font that could be used which would read better from the street.

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Jeffrey Sackenheim and seconded by Barb Thomas to approve the sign with a white background as submitted. Motion carried 6-0.

Misc.

Mr. Manning reminded members that this is his last DRB meeting. Mr. Manning has been involved with the Design Review Board since its creation about 20 years ago and was instrumental in creating the city’s Design Guidelines. Mr. Manning has been a valuable member of the board and his knowledge, expertise, and guidance will be missed.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Jeffrey Sackenheim and seconded by Barb Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 6:30. Motion carried 6-0.