

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WORTHINGTON ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
WORTHINGTON MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

February 23, 2012

The regular meeting of the Worthington Architectural Review Board and the Worthington Municipal Planning Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Richard Hunter, Chair; James Sauer, Vice-Chair; Kathy Holcombe, Secretary; Mikel Coulter; Amy Lloyd and Jo Rodgers. Also present were Worthington City Engineer Bill Watterson and Melissa Cohan, Paralegal. Absent were: Board member Chris Hermann; Scott Myers, Worthington City Council Representative for the Municipal Planning Commission; and Lynda Bitar, Development Coordinator and Clerk of the Municipal Planning Commission.

A. Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of February 9, 2012.

Mr. Hunter said in the first paragraph that it mentions his name, but he was not present at the February 9, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Coulter moved to approve the minutes as amended, and Mr. Sauer seconded the motion. All members said “aye” to approve the minutes.

4. Affirmation/swearing in of witnesses

B. Architectural Review Board

1. Unfinished

- a. New Door – **6851 N. High St.** (Chris Humphrey/Huntington National Bank)
AR 08-12

Discussion:

Mr. Watterson reviewed the facts from the application and reviewed the photographs on the overhead screen. Mr. Watterson also mentioned the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) would need to approve the “Welcome” sign on the ATM because it is an additional wall sign. Mr. Hunter asked if the applicant was present. Mr. Chris Humphrey approached the microphone and stated his address is 4495 Millwater Dr., Powell, Ohio.

Mr. Humphrey said he is the architect, and said Mr. Scott Wesley of 995 Safin Rd., Columbus, Ohio and Mr. Butch Mills of 422 Main St., Zanesville, Ohio were also at the meeting.

Mr. Humphrey said he would like to take the awning off the application and resubmit it in the future with a comprehensive sign package. He said he would also like to have the green door handle withdrawn from the application too since it will be the entrance to the wealth management division. Mr. Humphrey said the green bollards existed before he submitted his application.

Mr. Hunter asked Mr. Humphrey if the existing green handles will be staying on the front doors and Mr. Humphrey said yes, and the bank also plans to do some remodeling inside.

Mr. Sauer asked what was included in the original package from a year ago. Mr. Watterson said he was not sure, but the door handles were not. Mr. Sauer asked Mr. Humphrey if the Board was supposed to approve the green bollards and the door handles at this meeting. Mr. Hunter stated the fluorescent green bollards are actually part of the branding and signage. Mr. Humphrey said the two bollards that sit in the front of the bank will be going away. Mr. Hunter felt the use of the color throughout the site sets a precedent. Mr. Hunter also noted the logo on the front of the building did not match the same color of fluorescent green as the freestanding sign.

Mr. Sauer agreed with Mr. Hunter and said he felt that the use of fluorescent green was excessive.

Mr. Humphrey said he is willing to tone down the bollards in order to get the door approved.

Mr. Hunter asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak either for or against this application. One person came forward. Mr. Scott Wesley stated he lives at 995 Safin Rd., Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Wesley said he would like some clarification of the ATM. Mr. Coulter said he would clarify things in his motion for approval. There were no other speakers.

Findings of fact:

1. An application was on the last agenda, but not heard by the ARB, regarding a new entry door for the east face of the northern portion of the bank building. The applicant would now like approval to locate the new entry on the southern part of the building.
2. The proposed entry is a white aluminum storefront system to match the main building entry. The entrance will take the place of an existing door that is only for exiting.
3. Acrylic fluorescent green door handles are in place on the front doors of the building, and need approval from the ARB.
4. The ATM was refaced and includes an additional wall sign saying "Welcome". Also, the bollards were all changed to lime green. Both need ARB approval and the "Welcome" sign will also require a variance be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Conclusions:

1. The proposed entry is appropriate without a green door handle and illuminated awning.
2. Although the front door handles are unusual, the view from the street is minimal.
3. Lime green is not a typical color in the Architectural Review District.
4. The ATM must be approved at a futures meeting.

Mr. Coulter moved:

THAT THE REQUEST BY CHRIS HUMPHREY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO INSTALL A NEW ENTRY DOOR AND APPROVE OTHER VARIOUS CHANGES ALREADY MADE AT 6851 N. HIGH ST. AS PER CASE NO. AR 08-12, DRAWINGS NO. AR 08-12, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2012, BE APPROVED BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS IN THE STAFF MEMO AND PRESENTED AT THE MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- **WITHDRAW GREEN DOOR HANDLE AND ILLUMINATED AWING FROM THE APPLICATION, BUT APPROVE THE NEW DOOR**
- **GREEN HANDLES ON THE FRONT DOOR ARE APPROVED**
- **THE ATM WILL BE PART OF A FUTURE APPLICATION**
- **THE COLOR OF THE BOLLARDS WILL BE REPAINTED WHITE**

Mrs. Holcombe seconded the motion. Mr. Watterson called the roll and all members voted aye. Mr. Hunter said it has been approved.

There was no other business to discuss. Mrs. Holcombe moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Coulter seconded the motion. All members said "aye". The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.