

CITY OF BUCHANAN PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024 – 3:00 PM

CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

MINUTES

I. Regular Meeting - Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McDonald at 3:02 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: Vice Chair McDonald, Mayor Sean Denison, Secretary Tony Houser, Jacob Brown, Matt Pleasant, Peter Lysy, and Jen Garry

City Staff: Community Development Director, Rich Murphy & City Clerk, Kalla Langston

IV. Approve Agenda

Motion made by Houser, supported by Pleasant, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote carries unanimously.

V. Public Comments - Agenda Items

None.

VI. New Business

A. Rear Façade Proposal for 109 E Front St. Impressive Lettering.

Murphy: The owner of the building received a grant from Main Street and requested we try to accommodate the timeline for her to spend the grant money which is a significant amount.

Lysy: Nobody on the DRC had a problem with stuccoing the raw block. One exterior brick wall was originally plastered which had been damaged and the bricks are deteriorating. The committee agreed to plaster over that area and tuck point the brick above the soffit line. There was discussion about creating some kind of frame around the two glass block windows. The idea is to use the expanded control joint to form a frame around the openings. This just refers to the two glass block windows. In terms of the second-floor windows, there is one original double-hung window remaining so there was discussion about replacing that with a pseudo-divided light replacement window or going with a single one-over-one window. There is a window opening for the shared stairwell between 107 and 109. The exterior and endura clad will all be painted white.

Motion made by Houser, supported by Pleasant, to approve the Design Review Committee recommendation for the proposed rear façade improvements at 109 E Front St with their conditions as presented. Voice vote carries unanimously.

VII. Public Comment

Dan Vigansky – The code enforcement, I don't know if the commission can do very much, but the video store has been for sale for 20 years. She's asking an extortionate price for it. We've lost our drug store. Small time pharmacists don't want a building that big. This goes back on the PD and renting half of that. They want to use that whole building for evidence, and we don't have a drugstore.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Houser, supported by Lysy, to adjourn at 3:21 PM. Voice vote carries unanimously.