

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2023 – 6:00 PM**  
**CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI**

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**MINUTES**

*THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN, in compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act, hereby gives notice of a regular meeting to be held in the Chamber of City Hall.*

*\* Comments may be submitted in writing at least 4 hours in advance to the Community Development Director/Zoning Administrator at "mailto:rmurphy@cityofbuchanan.com" rmurphy@cityofbuchanan.com*

**I. Call to Order**

Brayak called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Present: Barker, Brayak, Carlson, Paolucci, Rowland

Absent: None.

City Staff Present: Community Development Director and Zoning Administrator Richard Murphy, Administrative Assistant Emma Lysy

**IV. Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Rowland, supported by Barker to add Public Comment – Agenda Items Only to the agenda after IV. Approve Agenda. Voice vote carries unanimously.

**V. Public Comments - Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)**

Peter Lysy – The front of the building should not be painted and shouldn't be considered as part of this proposal. Earlier versions of the plans included the front being painted which he feels would be inappropriate.

There was discussion on when Mill Alley was established and when the brick was first painted. Lysy believed it was around 1990 when the building that was there was demolished and that the brick of both buildings were painted the same color at that time.

**VI. Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Rowland, supported by Barker to approve minutes as present. Voice vote carries unanimously.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

None.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Glendora Bookshop Blade Sign Proposal, 110 E. Front St.**

Carla Mayer of Glendora Bookshop presented her proposed blade sign. The sign will be a rigid material hung using an existing pole and secured at the base. It is a logo design with no text and satisfies the sign ordinance.

Motion made by Rowland, supported by Barker to approve proposal as presented. Voice vote carries unanimously.

**B. Cannavista revised scope proposal for the painting of Mill Alley wall, 120 E. Front St.**

Barker summarized the previous Planning Commission meeting. There was discussion on whether the Committee would consider just the Mill Alley side of the building or both the Mill Alley side and the rear first floor wall. It was decided to decide only the painting of the Mill Alley wall as listed on the agenda.

Brayak noted the Secretary of the Interior standards would recommend repainting historic brick with colors harmonious to the district, which in this case would be the dark red currently seen in mill alley. The proposed color is French Grey.

Motion made by Carlson, supported by Rowland to recommend painting the Mill Alley side of the building, excepting the base brick, a color similar to the original brick. Voice vote carries unanimously.

There was discussion on the Design Review Committee's ability to enforce its decision and what can be done to strengthen it. Paolucci feels the ordinance needs to be rewritten. Barker would like to see Paolucci draft a new ordinance.

**X. Staff/Committee Comments**

Barker – Submitted his resignation to the committee. In the future he would like to see the scope and enforcement capability of the Design Review Committee clarified. Recommend Peter Lysy as his replacement.

Rowland – Thanked Barker for his contributions to the Committee and the community.

Murphy – The Design Review Committee has seen many successful projects improved through their review. There has been lots of positive input and progress on previous projects that have gone through Design Review.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.