



Community Development
Department

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date:	August 24, 2023
Agenda Title:	COA 23-61 – 20 Main Street
Requested Action:	Review proposal for the request to install a 3D acrylic fox sculpture and associated plaque to the exterior of the building.
Department / Agency Lead:	Community Development
Staff Lead:	Casey Squyres

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant is proposing to install a 3D acrylic fox sculpture to the exterior of the building.

- Proposed dimensions are 6' x 3'
- Sculpture will be attached to the brick wall with internal brackets
- Sculpture will project approximately 3' from the wall surface
- A 14" x 14" plaque will be attached to the brick wall next to the fox (will denote Artist's name, art work title, etc.)
- Mural and sculpture will be affixed to the Culpeper Street-fronting elevation

BACKGROUND

20 Main Street was constructed c1875. The building is an excellent example of an Italianate style commercial building and represents the late-nineteenth-century commercial resources within the district. The building retains integrity of location, design, setting, feeling, and association. This resource falls within the district's period of significance and contributes to the character of the district. Although the building does not possess sufficient architectural or historical significance to qualify for individual listing in the National Register, it is a contributing resource to the Warrenton Historic District under Criterion C for architecture.



DESIGN GUIDELINE CONSIDERATIONS

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D. FLAT OR WALL SIGNS		
1. Wall signs should be scaled and sized according to the building to which they are proposed. They should not cover or obscure important architectural elements.	3.39	The applicant has confirmed that the sculpture attachment will be 6' x 3' in dimension. The location of the sculpture in the lower lefthand corner of the Culpeper Street-fronting elevation will not obscure any architectural elements.
2. Applied wall signs should be of painted wood, metal, or substantial and durable composite materials.	3.39	The applicant has stated that the sculpture will be made of a durable acrylic material with internal brackets.

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5. Wall signs should be attached in the least damaging means to the building's materials and other character-defining features. Try to reuse earlier holes for mounting rather than making new ones. When new holes are necessary, always try to fasten into the mortar instead of compromising the strength of a brick.	3.39	The applicant will need to confirm that the attachment of the internal brackets and attachment points for the plaque will be within the mortar joints only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the request to install a 3D acrylic fox sculpture and associated plaque to the exterior of the building at the side elevation fronting Culpeper Street, as described and depicted within the application, provided the following conditions are met:

- 1) All necessary permits are acquired.
- 2) The sculpture and plaque should be attached in the least damaging means to the building's materials and other character-defining features. When new holes are necessary, the applicant shall fasten into the mortar joints instead of compromising the strength of a brick.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 – Photos
2. Attachment 2 – Draft Motion Sheet