

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
*APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION*

A meeting of the Appearance Review Commission was held Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at Alton City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Debbie Schuneman, Mark Wuellner, Barbara Gearing, Mike Doucleff and Margaret Hopkins

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dawn Hentrich and Gen Gearing

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Savannah Rigley, Rebuilding Together, 1305 E 4<sup>th</sup> St., Paul Light, Shakers, 554 E. Broadway, Michael Doucleff, Duke's, 819 Henry, Sam Shaw (Building Code Inspector) and Debbie Beck, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. with Debbie Schuneman presiding.

Margaret Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Doucleff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Savannah Rigley for Rebuilding Together, took the floor to present the application for 1305 E 4<sup>th</sup> St. She stated that they are replacing the stairs, decking and railing for the back porch, descending in the same direction. They are using pressure treated lumber. The spindles for the deck will match the railing. The finished deck would be 4x8 She stated if the awning is loose, they would secure it. One of the commissioners asked if the stairs were currently to code. Sam Shaw stated the incline of the stairs did not meet code. The tread depth should be deeper and the step height needs to be reduced. Rigley stated that the stairs would be built to code.

Margaret Hopkins made a motion to accept the plans, with the amendment that Building & Zoning make inspections during the progress to make sure they were built to code. Barbara Gearing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Light for Shakers, 554 E. Broadway then took the floor for his sign application. He stated that the sign would either be 3x6 or 4x8 made up of aluminum composite with the Shakers logo made of vinyl. He stated that the sign would lay flat on the awning and would be anchored to the metal frame of the awning. He stated that the mockup shows signs on the window. Light stated that he was not going to put those signs on the windows, it was added by the sign designer, but he did not care for them. One of the commissioners asked about the Live Music banners that were on the awning. Light stated that he only puts those signs up when he would have live music and he takes them down after the performance.

Barbara Gearing made a motion to accept the application as presented. Mike Doucleff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Doucleff then excused himself from the commission to present an amendment to the building application he had made on July 1, 2015. He stated that initially the plan called for three awnings on the first story and an eyebrow awning across the 2<sup>nd</sup> story. Doucleff stated that with those three awnings he was still going to have the umbrellas at the tables. He stated that upon reflection the umbrellas with the awnings were a cluttered look. Doucleff stated that he was going to keep the eyebrow awning along the 2<sup>nd</sup> story, but change the three awnings on the 1<sup>st</sup> story to one long awning across the front. The dimensions for this awning are as follows: 9' out from the house, covering the patio and 24' width. He stated that the umbrellas will not be used with this awning. Both awnings would be red. The 1<sup>st</sup> story awning would have an aluminum frame and be attached to 3 posts that are to be painted black.

Barbara Gearing made a motion to accept the amendment to the application as presented. Margaret Hopkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Mike Doucleff recusing himself.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A question was asked about whether 560 E Broadway would be coming before the commission. It was explained that everything pertaining to this address was covered by the Planning Commission and they would not have to come before the Appearance Review. It was then asked if 556 E. Broadway would need to come before the commission for any façade changes since it was purchased at the same time as 560 E Broadway by the same purchaser. Sam Shaw stated he would check with Matt Asselmeier.

At this time, 8:35 a.m., Barbara Gearing excused herself and left the meeting.

It was then brought up that 601 E. Broadway had been painted but the owner had not come before the commission. Shaw stated he would go by the address and send a letter to the owner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

[Debbie J. Beck](#)