

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION**

A meeting of the Appearance Review Commission was held Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 8am at the Alton City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Hentrich, Debbie Schuneman, Mike Doucleff, Mark Wuellner, Barb Gearing, Gen Gearing and Margaret Hopkins.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** George Carter, Building Code inspector

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M. by Dawn Hentrich

The Minutes of the March 30, 2016 meeting were approved as presented. Motion made by Debbie Schuneman and seconded by Mark Wuellner.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Catherine Gross from Bluff City Grill presented her plans for the façade renovation of the Elks building at **424 East Broadway, Alton, Il**. She proposed the following, 1. Replace the sign over the parking garage with a one sided sign of the same size that currently exists and reads "bluff city grill, restaurant & bar 12'X10'" (see page 3 of handouts). 2. Remove the glass block windows in the building and replace with double hung windows with black trim that are of the same size as existing glass block windows. (See page 1 of handouts to view windows). 3. Place a "bluff city grill" sign on the front of the building (12'X20"). The photo submitted shows the proposed sign above the concrete F.O.E. on the brick exterior and centered over the block glass window. After discussion about its proposed placement it was suggested that the proposed sign be centered ABOVE the window that is over the F.O.E. concrete sign and directly on the brick exterior. 4. Place an existing illuminated sign (bluff city grill bar entrance, (72"x24") on the west side entrance, to remove the concrete wall in order to make that entry more accessible. The existing metal supports for that awning will remain and the proposed sign will be mounted to the existing shed roof awning. After discussion it was recommended that this sign be centered on the awning and the brick façade that is attached to. 5. Remove the F.O.E. #254 lettering from the red awning and possibly painting the awning blue to match the blue in her proposed signage. 6. Leave existing concrete eagle figures (on center front of building) but fill in the concrete raised F.O.E. to make it a smooth finish.

A motion was made by Debbie Schuneman to accept the following...replacement of parking garage sign with a one sided sign of the same size as is currently there, to accept the new double hung windows with black trim to replace all glass block windows, that a new sign "bluff city grill" (12'x20") be placed above the center window directly on the brick exterior, an illuminated sign "bluff city grill bar entrance" (72"x24") be hung on the west entrance, centered between the awning and the brick wall that it is attached to, to remove the concrete wall to improve the accessibility for that entry way, and to retain the existing ornamental concrete eagles on the front of the building but fill in the F.O.E. letters to make it a smooth finish. A second was made by Barb Gearing and approved by all.

Peggy Stillwell representing PJ Detailing at **2102 State Street** was there to propose a change to that façade. She asked to replace the existing garage doors with commercial overhead garage doors and to

have them painted blue to match the existing business colors. If accepted, she also said they would repaint the entire building to freshen up the color to match the newly painted commercial garage doors. A motion was made by Mike Doucleff to accept this proposal as presented, second by Barb Gearing and approved by all.

Indira Hulker of The Gift Card Buyers at **1300 East Broadway** presented some signage for her business. The proposed sign stated "We Buy (Red lettering) Gift Cards (Blue lettering) on the main window and on the door, Hours (blue lettering). All proposed signage is within the accepted parameters. After much discussion it was suggested that the name of the business be on the window followed by the purpose of the business (We Buy Gift Cards). Ms. Hulker agreed to come back with a new format and color and so this item was tabled under a motion by Barb Gearing and a second by Gen Gearing, approved by all.

**Additional business:** Debbie Schuneman wanted to be clear that any information about the purchase of the Elks building and the moving of the Bluff City Grill to that location had been heard of and was the topic of discussion by individuals of the general public prior to this meeting of the ARC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Hopkins