

MINUTES

Design Review Commission of the
Village of La Grange
February 9, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

A meeting of the Design Review Commission was held on February 9, 2022 in the Auditorium of Village Hall, 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL and was convened at 7:30 p.m.

Present (and constituting a quorum): Commissioners Baker, Banks, Cahill, Wisthuff, and Chairman Reardon.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Ed Dobbs of Tivoli Enterprises, Chris Johnson of Classic Cinemas, Dan Chopp of Chopp Commercial Properties LLC., and John Rot of 80 South LaGrange Inc., and Village Planner Heather Valone

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Banks seconded by Commissioner Wisthuff the minutes of the January 12, 2022, Design Review Commission meeting were approved as presented at the meeting.

III. BUSINESS AT HAND:

DRC #115 DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT FOR 80 S. LA GRANGE RD., TIVOLI ENTERPRISES, INC

Chairman Reardon introduced the application. He then asked the applicants to provide a summary of the design review permit request.

Mr. Dobbs described the scope of work. They are requesting to relocate a door on the south elevation and install a new three foot door adjacent to the location of the existing door. He then referenced the architectural plans provided at the meeting. He stated that the location of an existing stairwell necessitated the need to shift the door and replace it with a slightly smaller emergency door.

He then discussed the need for the removal of the rear (west) elevation doors and change to access panels. The interior renovations to the building include changes to the auditorium and hallway locations. The new layout as proposed poses challenges for

replacing the screens in the back two auditoriums. The access panels would allow for the future replacement of the theater screens.

Mr. Dobbs stated they would match the existing exterior materials as much as possible to fill in the areas on both the west and south elevations of the building. He stated that his masonry contactor believes they can match the brick very well. He stated that the intent was not to significantly alter the appearance of these two elevations.

Chairman Reardon ask the applicant to confirm the scope of work. He said that the project is to take an existing door on Cossitt Ave. and move it slightly east three to four feet and replace it with a three foot door. Then the back two doors would be replaced with access panels and the rest of the area bricked.

Mr. Dobbs confirmed the scope of work as stated by Chairman Reardon.

Chairman Reardon the confirmed that the applicants' architect had reviewed the Fire Code and certified that the changes would still meet the code requirements.

Mr. Dobbs stated yes.

Chairman Reardon asked if any other Commissioners had any questions or comments.

Commissioner Cahill asked the applicant to clarify that the door proposed on Cossitt Ave. is new.

Mr. Dobbs the existing door is four feet, per the Building Code and their new auditorium layouts and capacities only a three foot door is needed. This is why the door will be new.

Chairman Reardon asked for a motion for the design review permit for the relocation and replacement of the door on the south elevation, and removal of the rear doors and replacement with access panels.

Design Review Commission Recommendation

A motion was made by Wisthuff, seconded by Banks to recommend the proposed changes to the south and west elevations as presented.

A roll call vote was taken

Ayes: Baker, Banks, Cahill, Wisthuff, Reardon

Nays:

Motion passed

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to consider, on motion by Commissioner Cahill and seconded by Commissioner Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Valone, Village Planner