

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
April 7, 2009
Lower Level Conference Room, City Hall

Present: Rob Vanden Noven, Dennis Wiese, Mike Muller, and Chief Mitchell. Also Present: Randy Tetzlaff, Director of Planning & Development.

1. ROLL CALL. Vanden Noven called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and noted a quorum was present. He also noted that Julie Voeller was absent and excused.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES: John Sigwart expressed his concern that some members of the public do not understand that the role of the Design Review Board is merely advisory. He bases this opinion on the public dialogue surrounding the aquaponics issue. He suggests that steps be take to try to re-educate the public.
3. APPROVE MINUTES: **A motion was made by Wiese, seconded by Mitchell to approve the minutes of the March meeting as distributed. All voting aye, the minutes were approved.**
4. SITE PLAN FOR NEW IMPROVEMENTS FOR DREWS HARDWARE AT 629 N. WISCONSIN STREET, PAUL DREWS, APPLICANT. Paul Drews, owner of Drews Hardware acquired the duplex property adjacent to his store at 653-655 N. Wisconsin Street. He would like to add some additional paved parking and connect to into the existing driveway to provide additional egress. In the long-term, he would like to remove the duplex and develop a garden center on the property. His short-term plan is to expand the parking area. He will keep the grassy areas and mature trees. The Design Review Board viewed his future plans favorably; especially since the garden center activities would be contained on the north end and the equipment rental would be handled on the south end. The Board also favorably reviewed his ideas for a future garden center. **A motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Muller to recommend approval of the site plan as presented. All voting aye, the motion was approved.**
5. OUTDOOR DINING SITE PLAN FOR TELLOS GRILL AND CAFÉ, 200 W. GRAND AVENUE, JIM READ, APPLICANT. The owner of Tellos is requesting approval of a plan to permit outdoor dining on the sidewalk in front of his establishment and to allow seating on the side of the building. The Board reviewed the sidewalk plan and found that it met the conditions for sidewalk dining; most notably the divider and a minimum area for pedestrians to pass by. The members had concerns regarding the seating on the side; they were concerned about the loss of parking, the proximity to moving vehicles, and grade issues. They suggested that the applicant work with his landlord who is an architect and try to resolve these concerns. **A motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Vanden Noven to recommend approval of the site plan for sidewalk dining. All voting aye, the motion was approved. No action was taken on the dining plan on the side of the building.**
6. OUTDOOR DINING SITE PLAN FOR VINES TO CELLAR, 114 E. MAIN STREET, CJ WIRSCHING-NEUSER, APPLICANT. The business owner is proposing to add some seating to the existing front patio area in front of her building. She plans to serve her customers wine, cheese, and crackers. This item will required a conditional use grant. The Board found no objections to this request; rather the members agreed that this would enhance the downtown and the Farmers Market. **A motion was made by Vanden Noven, seconded by Wiese to recommend approval of the site plan to allow outdoor dining and a conditional use grant. All voting aye, the motion was approved.**
7. FORTHCOMING EVENTS.
8. ADJOURNMENT. **A motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Vanden Noven to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.**