

The City of Madison Historic District Board of Review held a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, February 22, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Building. Bob Snodgrass, Chairman, presided over the meeting with the following board members present: Kim Washer, Darryl Steinert, Judy Collins, and Eugene Brown. Dana Riddle and Dave Adams were absent. Also present were: Steve Williams, Attorney; Jim Storm, Building Inspector; and Marlene Joslin, Secretary. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous month as distributed so they stand approved as recorded and distributed.

1. Richard & Delores Van Wye - C. of A. to put vinyl siding on house at 1133 N. Walnut Street. Zoned Medium Density Residential (R-8)

Richard Van Wye, applicant, was present to request permission for new vinyl siding stating that the siding on the house now was put on in the 60's and is in bad shape. Mr. Van Wye turned in his green receipts where letters had been sent out. Mr. Van Wye has not picked the color, has not even gotten an estimate, was waiting until he received permission from the board. No further questions or comments from the board or audience - Roll call - All Approval votes. Application granted as applied for.

Business - Old or New

Bob Snodgrass stated the board tabled a motion on the building across the street and I believe that has been taken care of. Jim Storm said "yes" it has been taken care of, they may not even use the goose neck lighting since they are not open at night (the Family \$ Store). Bob said since this has been taken care of the board does not need to vote on it. Gene Brown said "why is that"? Jim Storm said "why is what Gene"? Gene said why don't they have to get a Certificate of Appropriateness? When I read the rules and regulations it does. It was explained to Gene by Bob and Jim when something like this falls within the guidelines instead of bringing them in we just go on and approve the application. This falls under a rule of the board dated September 28, 1987. Gene said look on page 8 of your ordinance where it states Signage: All new signage or alterations to signage within the Historic District shall be required to receive a certificate of appropriateness unless otherwise noted within these regulations. There are some exclusions but this is not one so a certificate of appropriateness is required. Steve Williams, Attorney, said they are getting their certificate of appropriateness, the building inspector is giving it to them. Steve Williams read a rule of the board giving the building inspector the right to issue a certificate of appropriateness to applications that clearly fall within the terms of the Ordinance as amended dated September, 1987. Steve said some of you may not have this. Gene said there are some things that are more important than just having the sign fall within the size allowed such as the visual characteristic, I don't agree that a certificate of appropriateness before the board is not required, I therefore move that the Family \$ Store be required to submit their application and come before the board for approval. Bob said we have a motion is there a second? Hearing no second the motion dies. Darryl Steinert said he does sympathize, I didn't second the motion because I don't think it is fair to drag the company through this process after the board acted within the guidelines of its policy. I do think after 12 years it is probably time for the board to re-examine whether or not those guidelines should continue. Gene said you have to be ready to stand up, you have to be willing to support certain standards on Main Street or the visual system will go to pot. As I see what is happening with the board, there is really not much need for the board. Bob ask Gene if he had a specific recommendation. Gene said I am a new member, do not have a specific recommendation, I am just trying to gain information and at this point I do not have enough information to approve or disapprove. Bob Snodgrass said Mr. Brown sent a letter to Mayor Huntington, neither Mr. Brown or Bob had a copy of the letter with them. Bob Snodgrass said his feeling is that the ordinance is written and we have no right or power to change it, if you have a recommendation then we will try ... Mr. Brown said his recommendation is to follow the ordinance. Steve Williams, Attorney, said we do follow the ordinance. Judy Collins said she thinks they have tried to work with the guidelines as we understand them to be, that doesn't mean our understanding can't be wrong or changed, but I think our understanding has been that the building inspector had those guidelines and was given that perimeter to take. D. Steinert said the building inspector has more or less been given permission to do the boards work, the situation is that it only talks about the physical dimensions of the sign, says little or nothing about the aesthetics. We may need to go back and examine these guidelines. Bob Snodgrass has no problem with this but thinks a draft should be drawn up, be specific. Bob ask Gene if he would write up his ideas and give them to Marlene to mail out to all board members and the

attorney so they can be studied by everyone. Jerry Yarnetsky said if things get mailed to every board member then the press gets a copy. Bob Snodgrass said it is most difficult to come into a situation like this without having an opportunity to study it in advance. Bob Snodgrass will be absent next month. Bob then mentioned the brochure that had been discussed previously, I've heard nothing else about the brochure regarding the ordinance except that Dana Riddle was appointed by the Mayor to begin that brochure and I think Suzanne Skaggs was to work with her. There is no money in the budget for the brochure. Steve Williams said he would not be present at the next meeting but would have some one fill in for him.

Mary Ellen Munier was present with a drawing of Pearl Park but since it was not on the agenda Bob Snodgrass said any members that wanted to could look at it. No discussion on it.

Marlene is to send a copy of the Rules of the Historic District Board of Review to all members, dated September 28, 1987 which gives the building inspector permission to issue Certificates of Appropriateness to applications which are clearly within the terms of the Ordinance as amended.

No further business to come before the board, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW



Marlene Joslin, Secretary