

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2012  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** John Perkovich; Jeannie Gifford; Dan Volpe; Al DiFranco;  
Judy Smalley, Chairman

**ABSENT:** No one

**OTHERS:** Betty A. Nardelli, Secretary

The Board welcomes Al DiFranco, new member, to the Board. Al replaces Ken Kary who was appointed by Mayor Anderson to the Planning Commission. Ken was a Board member for 15 years and we wish him luck on his new appointment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**HART PROPERTIES**

4050 Erie St.  
(Jay Hart)

**Reburish storefront**  
using AZEK/vinyl mtl's  
remove canopy/hdw

A motion was made by Jeannie Gifford and seconded by John Perkovich to remove this application from the table for discussion.

ROLL CALL:       AYES:       5       NAYS:       0  
MOTION **CARRIED:**       **APPROVED TO UNTABLE**

Jay Hart, building owner, represented this application. Mr. Hart presented a framed photograph of the building the way it looked 50 years ago. The building showed a white fascia and white panels beneath the store front windows. Mr. Hart said this is how he wants the store front to look. Mr. Hart also presented a book published in 1980 showing the same building. Mr. Hart said the building was built in 1888.

Mr. Hart said in the late '70's the white boards were removed showing glass underneath the boards. Mr. Hart said the surface underneath the wood facing was too old and it was a mess. Mr. Hart said that the mayor of Willoughby at that time advised him about the building shifting which causes the glass to crack. He advised Mr. Hart to cover the glass up. Mr. Hart said that he has a contractor lined up to do the construction of the store front.

Chairman Smalley told Mr. Hart that at the last meeting the Board advised the contractor that was present at the last meeting that he

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should remove a panel to see what is underneath the wood facing. The contractor said he would relay the message to Mr. Hart. Mr. Hart told the Board that the contractor relayed that message to him.

John Perkovich said that he would rather see the panels with a raised look rather than just flat plywood. He would also like the transom replaced. If the building is deplorable underneath the existing wood than there should be a plan "B". Mr. Perkovich said there are materials available other than wood.

Chairman Smalley said that she did not like the white panels. White was okay in the '50's but this is 2012.

Jeannie wants to see what's underneath the existing wood. She wants to see visual options.

Jeannie Gifford told Mr. Hart the story of how she renovated her historical house. She had the existing aluminum siding removed to show what was underneath. The wood was in such bad shape that she had the house vinyl sided. She told Mr. Hart to ask his contractor what materials are available and the costs of different options of material.

Mr. Hart said that he was finished here and he walked out of the room. Mr. Hart said that the City would be hearing from his attorney.

The Board decided to leave this application on the agenda until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Dan Volpe and seconded by John Perkovich to table this application.

ROLL CALL:       AYES:       5       NAYS:       0  
MOTION **CARRIED:**       **TABLED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BLACKBIRD INTERACTIVE**  
38120 W. Spaulding St.  
(Lou Belknap)

**Wall sign**  
hanging sign  
20" X 56" D/F  
Non-illum.

**GLAZIER INSUR. AGENCY**  
38120 W. Spaulding St.  
(Lou Belknap)

**Wall sign**  
hanging sign  
20" X 56" D/F  
Non-illum.

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**BLACKBIRD INTERACTIVE  
GLAZIER INSUR. AGENCY  
CONTINUED:**

Lou Belknap of Agile Signs represented this application for two non-illuminated 20" tall signs that will be suspended side by side from the side of the building into one sign bracket. Glazier consists of a blue aluminum panel with routed out holes and white vinyl letters. Blackbird Interactive consists of a black aluminum panel with routed out holes and white vinyl letters. The signs will be mounted side by side to two black aluminum tubes welded to a plate to the side of the building. The sign will extend 44 ¼" from the side of the building.

Mr. Belknap said these signs represent two separate businesses in the building. One business is on the first floor and the other business is on the second floor.

A motion was made by John Perkovich and seconded by Dan Volpe to approve the signage for both businesses as submitted.

ROLL CALL:       AYES:       5       NAYS:       0  
MOTION **CARRIED:**       **APPROVED**

**DISCUSSION**

**B.R. KNEZ CONSTR., INC.**  
38103 Euclid Ave.  
(B.R. Knez)

**Proposed condos**  
@ corner of  
Euclid Ave. &  
Sharp Ave.  
**Bldg exterior/  
landscaping**

Bo Knez represented this discussion for twelve 4-story brownstone town houses for the corner of Sharp Ave. and Euclid Avenue on two vacant parcels. The reason for 4-stories is because of the 50' height limit so the buildings will be 10' under the 50' height limit. Mr. Knez said the five buildings fronting on Euclid Ave. would be built first. Three units and a commercial unit will occupy the first floor and one single use of the remaining three floors. Lamps would be installed in front of the buildings. Flower boxes will be installed on the lower windows on the first floor and maintained by the Association. Some of the buildings will be attached and some will stand alone. Wrought iron fencing will connect some of the buildings. An enclosed garage will be on the first floor. There will also be open parking in the parking lot.

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John Perkovich said he would like to see a mixture such as cement and cobblestone for the parking lot and not all cement. Mr. Knez said he could do stamped cement.

Mr. Knez said there will be landscaping along Euclid Avenue along with wrought iron fencing. There will be no buffer between this property and the adjoining property.

No action was taken on this discussion. Mr. Knez will submit formally in the near future.

No action taken.

**MINUTES**

**December 7, 2011**

A motion was made by Jeannie Gifford and seconded by John Perkovich to approve the minutes of December 7, 2011 as written.

ROLL CALL:       AYES:       4       NAYS:       0       ABSTAIN    1  
MOTION **CARRIED:**       **APPROVED**

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

**Election - 2012**  
Chairman  
Vice Chairman

A motion was made by Jeannie Gifford and seconded by John Perkovich to keep the same officers this year that were officers in 2011 which are Judy Smalley as Chairman and John Perkovich as Vice Chairman.

ROLL CALL:       AYES:       5       NAYS:       0  
MOTION **CARRIED:**       **APPROVED**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Judy Smalley, Chairman

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Betty A. Nardelli, Secretary