

MINUTES OF THE APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION
August 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Appearance Review Commission was called to order by Chair Sarah Burger at 5:03 p.m. at 118 W. Cook Avenue.

Members Present: Chair Sarah Burger, Tom Flader, Les Galo, James Hartshorne, and Casey Rooney.

Members Absent: Michael Haug and Mike Kollman.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff Present: Christopher Sandine, Senior Planner.

Commissioner Flader made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hartshorne, to approve the July 17, 2023, Appearance Review Commission meeting minutes, as written.

Motion carried 4 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

Commissioner Rooney has joined the meeting in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

**ARC 23-35 Karen Dodge, Authorized Agent for 1500 South Milwaukee IL Owner LLC
1500 S. Milwaukee Avenue**

Request is for new signage.

Ms. Karen Dodge, Authorized Agent, presented the proposed signage at 1500 S. Milwaukee Avenue. Ms. Dodge stated the scope of work includes two (2) panel changes on the existing ground V-shaped sign. Ms. Dodge stated the purple, black, and white colors match the company's colors. Ms. Dodge stated she understands that landscaping will be required at the base of the sign and ensure it has been installed. Commissioner Flader confirmed there will be no structural changes to the brick.

Commissioner Flader made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rooney, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for new signage at 1500 S. Milwaukee Avenue, subject to the following condition: 1) At least 98 SF of landscaping is installed at the base of the sign.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Review South Milwaukee Avenue Design Guidelines.

Mr. Sandine reminded the Commission that in July 2023, the South Milwaukee Avenue Design Guidelines were presented and discussed for review. Mr. Sandine noted there were no material changes to the content of the document but encouraged any further discussion at this time. Mr. Sandine stated the intention of these Design Guidelines is to have them incorporated into the Municipal Code so the Village can use them when evaluating (re) development opportunities within the corridor. Chair Burger stated she would like to see the Design Guidelines extended further South on Milwaukee Avenue but understands the considerations. Commissioner Flader stated he would like to ensure that the corridor is walkable and encourages safe buffers between the roadway and sidewalk. Commissioner Rooney stated she likes the content within the Design Guidelines and thinks it will assist in making this corridor more pedestrian friendly.

Commissioner Rooney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hartshorne, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the South Milwaukee Avenue Design Guidelines.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Rooney moved and Commissioner Hartshorne seconded a motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.