

# DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

## JOINT MEETING OF THE FAÇADE / HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2009

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Fremont City Hall

City Council Chambers

#### Call to Order

The Joint Meeting of the Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee and the Public Art Subcommittee was called to order at 3:05 PM.

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| <b>Members Present:</b> | Marianne Boerigter<br>Bonnie Erber<br>Peter Lance<br>Lori Layne<br>James Rynberg<br>Ron Vliem | Director, Newaygo County Council for the Arts (Chair)<br>DDA Marketing Subcommittee Chair<br>Community Member<br>Fremont Post Master<br>Fremont City Mayor<br>Executive Director, Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>  | Jeannie Caris<br>Gerry Rich<br>Tom Schmidt                                                    | Public Art Subcommittee Member<br>Downtown Property Owner<br>Public Art Subcommittee Member                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Staff Present:</b>   | Michele Ribant                                                                                | Neighborhood & Economic Development Director                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Presenter:</b>       | Joan Vliem                                                                                    | Downtown Property Owner                                                                                                                                                                                            |

#### Update on Artwork for the Front Façade of the Moose Lodge

Michele Ribant reported that the Moose obtained an estimate from Renee Wallace to paint a mural on the two east windows of the front Moose façade. The estimate was \$3,000, which was too much according to the manager of the Moose, even with a City match. Therefore, the Moose wants to use some computer art. The Joint Subcommittee directed Ms. Ribant to obtain an electronic version of the artwork, so it can be disseminated to the Subcommittee for input. The Subcommittee indicated that the chair can ultimately decide if the artwork is acceptable.

#### Consideration of Funding Request – 3 W. Main Street (Hair by Joan & Co.)

Joan Vliem, property owner of 3 W. Main Street, requested funding for her side façade in the amount of \$962.79 to fund the replacement of an old metal side door with a glass door. She also requested funding for the front façade in the amount of \$2,267.50 to fund the following:

- Replacement of wood door to second floor
- Repair of wood siding on front of building
- Wash, prime and paint front façade

Ms. Vliem said the shingles will be painted “ashley gray” and that the other accent colors will be north creek brown and icicle cream.

It was brought up that the tree in front of Ms. Vliem’s building was touching her building. City staff was asked to look into whether the trees could be trimmed.

A motion was made by Bonnie Erber, seconded by Peter Lance and carried to recommend to the DDA and the Fremont City Council approval of the \$3,230.29 funding request (\$962.79 for side façade and \$2,267.50 for front façade) through the Fremont Façade Improvement Program to fund a new glass side door, the replacement of the front wood door, the repair of the wood siding on the front façade and the painting of the front façade using the colors in the Façade Improvement Program color palette for the building located at 3 W. Main Street.

**New Business – Banners**

The Subcommittees looked at a number of banner designs and voted for one that could be displayed in the summer. There was a tie vote on the banner choice, and it was decided that the chair would make the final selection. Marianne Boerigter said before she makes the decision, she would like to see fabric samples.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Joint Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.