

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)
FAÇADE / HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 28, 2008
3:00 AM – 4:00 AM
Fremont City Hall
Training Room**

Call to Order

The Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

Members Present:	Marianne Boerigter Bonnie Erber Peter Lance Gerry Rich James Rynberg	Director, Newaygo County Council for the Arts (chair) DDA Marketing Subcommittee Chair Community member Downtown Property Fremont City Mayor
Members Absent:	Ron Vliem	Executive Director, Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
Staff Present:	Michele Ribant	Neighborhood & Economic Development Director

Consideration of Funding Request – 15 W. Main Street (Moose Lodge)

Dan McFadden, manager of the Moose Lodge in Fremont, requested grant funding through the Fremont Façade Improvement Program for the front and rear facades of the Moose building located at 15 W. Main Street. Gerry Rich said he noticed that one of the quotes for windows was not computed accurately, so he said he happened to see the person who provided the quote, and he had the updated quote in hand. Mr. McFadden thanked Mr. Rich, and then it was expressed that the funding requests were as follows:

	<u>Cost of Work</u>	<u>Funding Request</u>
Front Façade	\$12,546.00	\$6,273.00
Rear Façade	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>
	\$14,046.00	\$7,023.00

Mr. McFadden explained that the Moose wanted to improve the appearance of the building and that they were proposing to do the following:

- Replace 7 upstairs windows (front façade)
- Replace 3 street level windows (front façade)
- Replace entryway doors with glass panel doors (front façade)
- Paint and repair front façade (e.g., repair molding) (front façade)
- Clean and polish copper awning (front façade)
- Paint and stain rear façade (rear façade)

He went on to say that the paint colors for the facades are ones that are a part of the Façade Program. Marianne Boerigter showed the Subcommittee the colors as outlined on the Façade Program color board. The colors are as follows:

Front Façade

Redwood Dark Red S.W. 2801
Crewel Tan S.W. 0011
Antigua White S.W. 6119

Back Façade

Morris Room Grey S.W. 0037
Kaffee S.W. 6104
White Hyacinth S.W. 0046

Mr. McFadden explained that the three (3) east windows on the front façade will be replaced. He said that there is cinder block about one foot around the window openings, so the windows will not be as large as the entire openings. He indicated that on the west side windows on the front façade there is cinder block behind the fake windows. It was suggested that since replacement windows cannot be put in due to the cinder block, that artwork, such as a mural with perhaps the history of the Moose Lodge, be put in its place. Mr. McFadden indicated that he had no problem with incorporating the artwork into the two (2) west windows. Marianne Boerigter indicated she would put him in touch with an artist that could work with him on the idea.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Bonnie Erber, seconded by Gerry Rich and carried to recommend to the full DDA approval of the designs for the front and rear facades for the property located at 15 W. Main Street as outlined above and of the funding in the amount of \$6,273.00 for the front façade and \$750.00 for the rear facade, subject to the Moose Lodge #1555 incorporating artwork on the front west windows of the building and that the Subcommittee approve the artwork.

Status of Funding Requests for Fremont Façade Improvement Grant Program

Marianne Boerigter reported that the Artsplace has completed the work on its facades. She indicated that the City has contacted the Zharts and the Conflittis to advise them of when their time for grant funding expires. She went on to say that four other property owners have taken advantage of the program over the last two years and that the Moose's request for funding, if granted, will come out of the 2008/2009 DDA budget.

Discussion on Timing of Funding Requests

It was the consensus of the group that, to the extent possible, meetings to consider grant funding should be made two weeks in advance.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.