

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

**October 26, 2007
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Fremont City Hall
Council Chambers**

Call to Order

The Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

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

Opening Remarks

Marianne Boerigter opened the meeting. Ron Vliem started the meeting out by indicating he did not care for the awnings that were put up as part of the Façade Improvement Program. He said he liked awnings that have sides to them. He felt that seeing the framework on the sides is not attractive. The point was made that the style awning used was more modern in appearance than the more traditional style awnings with the Sunbrella on the sides. The Subcommittee felt Ron Vliem made a good point and that if we want a more traditional look, we should ask for awnings with sides.

13 E. Main Street (The ArtsPlace)

Marianne Boerigter explained that she was seeking approval of the design for the front and rear façade work to be performed on the ArtsPlace building located at 13 E. Main Street. She indicated that the large pink sign on the front façade would come down. She went on to say that the colors for the facades were in keeping with the color scheme for the Fremont Façade Improvement Program. She reported that the paint colors for the front of the building would be off-white and avocado to complement the red brick. She reported that the brick on the rear façade was more of a blonde colored brick and that the ArtsPlace plans to paint the trim a Koffee color. There will be gooseneck lighting on the rear façade only, and those fixtures will be black.

Gerry Rich, the contractor for the façade renovation at 13 E. Main Street, and Marianne Boerigter, Executive Director for the ArtsPlace, both abstained from the vote due to their interest in the project.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Ron Vliem, seconded by Jim Rynberg and carried to recommend to the DDA approval of the design as presented for the front and rear facades of the building located at 13 E. Main Street.

Note: The grant funding was already approved for the 13 E. Main Street façade project, subject to design approval.

12 W. Main Street (Awards & More building)

Gerry Rich, on behalf of the Conflitti's, the property owners of 12 W. Main Street, sought design approval for the front and rear facades. Gerry Rich indicated that the brick on the building will be cleaned and tuck-pointed. In the rear of the building the garage doors will be replaced with a new entry door. He stated he is recommending that the colors of the trim for both the front and rear facades be a polished mahogany, that the awnings be a gold color and that the gooseneck lighting on both the front and the rear facades be a red color. He indicated that all the colors chosen for the trim, awnings, and lights will be in keeping with the colors outlined in the Façade Design Guidelines. It was suggested that Chair Boerigter have final sign-off on the color selections.

Gerry Rich abstained from the vote due to his interest in the project.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Rynberg, seconded by Ron Vliem and carried to recommend to the full DDA approval of the designs for the front and rear facades for the property located at 12 W. Main Street, subject to final approval of color selections by Chair Boerigter.

Note: The grant funding was already approved for the 12 W. Main Street façade project, subject to design approval.

New Business

The Subcommittee talked about adding more members to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee identified three possible members. Michele Ribant will pursue new additions to the DDA Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the DDA Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.