

WHITEFISH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Diane Kane, chair, at 8:15 AM

PRESENT: Christine Bleyhl, Grant Hughes, Diane Kane, Ryan Kiefer, Leslie Lowe,

ABSENT: Paul McElroy, Tracy Rossi

STAFF: Wendy Compton-Ring

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

MINUTES: The minutes from May 16, 2023 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Markus Foods Amendment #2, 9 Baker Avenue (ARC 22-17). The applicant described the changes including the entrance to Markus and a slight update to the southern tenant space, as the same tenant is using the entire south portion of the building. They are proposing to develop some sort of art/mural instead of window/door but it can be converted to a door and window in the future if a new tenant is needed.

Christine – likes the update

Leslie – it is a lot of one color on the south block face? *A lot of structural relief with planter boxes, but it is a monochromatic look*

Motion:

Leslie – move to approve subject to paint samples on the wall

Ryan – 2nd

Discussion: none

Vote: motion passes unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

232 Central Avenue, Repaint (ARC 23-15) No one showed up for this item, the Committee postponed action until the applicant is present.

222 Central Avenue, After-the-Fact Façade Change (ARC 23-16) No one showed up for this item, the Committee postponed action until the applicant is present.

OTHER ITEMS

Pre-App. 524, 530, 538 Spokane Avenue, MT Creative The applicant described the project as two 4-plexes, location, vehicle circulation and materials.

Leslie – concerned with the character of the buildings at the entry into the city

Christine – discussed the infill problem as an example in Calgary

Diane – some nice examples on Central Avenue that fits the character of the neighborhood

Christine – how do we maintain, to some degree, the scale, massing of a neighborhood

Leslie – character is beautiful front yards, open space, pocket parks, etc.; a shift – how do we want this area to look?

Diane – there is a particular feel on Spokane Avenue

Ryan – the architectural character and feel doesn't fit this neighborhood; concerned with the front yard, the approach, looking at the sides of garages/driveways/etc., not a welcoming entry

The Committee discussed other projects with greater sensitivity to the neighborhood but with the same number of units.

Whitefish Trail Shed Is this something the Committee wants to review? OK with the new shed and would recommend the existing sheds get a fresh coat of paint.

Legislative Update Staff shared the proposed direction for a couple of the bills including keeping the ARC but as a recommending body to staff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM