

## MINUTES

Design Review Commission of the  
Village of La Grange  
August 11, 2021

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

A meeting of the Design Review Commission was held on August 11, 2021 in the Auditorium of the Village Hall, 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL and was convened at 7:30 p.m.

Present (and constituting a quorum): Commissioners Banks, Lavorato, Wisthuff, and Chairman Reardon.

Absent: Commissioners Baker and Cahill.

Also Present: Elisheva Beller of Oak Properties Limited Partnership, Dr. Jordon Beller of Oak Properties Limited Partnership, and Village Planner Heather Valone.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Cahill seconded by Commissioner Wisthuff the minutes of the February 10, 2021, Design Review Commission meeting were approved as presented at the meeting.

### III. BUSINESS AT HAND:

#### DRC #113 DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT FOR 100 W. CALENDAR AVE. OAK PROPERTIES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Chairman Reardon introduced the application and asked for Elisheva Beller, the applicant, to provide an overview of the proposed façade alterations.

Ms. Beller provided background on why the project was being proposed. The existing building was experiencing water issues along the west wall of the building. Ms. Beller had the building inspected on that side and the issue corrected with a permit for tuck pointing. However, Ms. Beller had the entire building inspected to ensure there were no other areas that required work. Ms. Beller's architect, roofer, mason, and structural engineer identified that the façade and a portion of the north elevation of the building required work to be water tight and be reinforced. The recommended course of action was to remove and rebuild the façade and storefront portion of the north elevation. Ms. Beller explained that the intent of the proposed design was to return the building to an appearance more akin to the original appearance and be more visually computable with

the neighboring buildings. Ms. Beller asked if the Commissioners had any questions she could answer.

Chairman Reardon indicated he had a couple of questions about the scope of the project. He ask for Ms. Beller to confirm that all portions of the façade and storefront portion of the north elevation including the masonry products, windows, and doors were being removed and reconstructed as shown in the proposed rendering.

Ms. Beller indicated that was correct.

Chairman Reardon asked Ms. Beller to confirm that the samples provided were the same materials proposed for the reconstructed façade and north elevation.

Ms. Beller indicated that was correct.

Chairman Reardon asked Ms. Beller to clarify the use of the limestone.

Ms. Beller stated that it would be the top area of the storefront windows.

Ms. Valone showed on the overhead screen where the limestone was proposed on the rendering.

Chairman Reardon asked if any other Commissioners had questions for the applicant.

Ms. Valone said that the streetview was also up on the screen if there were any questions about the appearance of the surrounding buildings.

Commissioner Lavorato asked about the applicant about the selection of the proposed red brick.

Ms. Beller explained that the neighboring building at 26 W. Calendar was a lighter brown / tan brick, however, the other neighboring buildings north and west of the building used have some shade of red or brown / tan for their brick.

Ms. Valone showed on the overhead screen the buildings and area on streetview.

Commissioner Lavorato asked if a new sign was being proposed.

Ms. Beller indicated that they planned to remove the existing sign while the work was being completed and then reinstall the sign on the new façade.

Chairman Reardon asked if Commissioners Wisthuff or Banks had any questions.

Commissioner Wisthuff indicated he had no questions, but thought the proposed changes

looked great.

Commissioner Banks agreed and stated that she thought the proposed design was more in keeping with the neighboring buildings.

Chairman Reardon indicated that he also agreed and thought the brick was a good selection to help the building be more compatible with the neighboring buildings. He stated that the new windows and storefront front doors will be a great improvement to the building.

#### **Design Review Commission Recommendation**

A motion was made by Reardon, seconded by Wisthuff to recommend the application as presented

A roll call vote was taken

*Ayes: Banks, Lavorato, Wisthuff, Reardon*

*Nays:*

*Motion passed*

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Valone let the Commissioners know that it was likely going on family leave from mid-September to December. She indicated that Director Jones would be taking over the commission while she was on leave.

Chairman Reardon asked if there was any application submitted for a September meeting.

Ms. Valone stated that a partial application had been submitted for the September, but the deadline for submittal was not until August 23.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being nothing further to consider, on motion by Commissioner Banks and seconded by Commissioner Wisthuff, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Valone, AICP, Village Planner