

Acworth Revitalization Grants Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 7.00 p.m.  
CR-1 of City Hall

Members Present:

Jeff Steorts                      Taralyn Harris                      Chairman Richard Lyles

Members Absent:

Tom Bretherton                      Elisha Plumley

Staff Present:

Brandon Douglas, Asst. City Manager                      Jan Harris, Director

Others Present:

Joann Tubo                      Shane Jackson                      Suzie Hubbell                      Randy Shaw

I. Call to Order: Chairman Lyles called the meeting to order at 7.36 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present. Staff informed the committee that Elisha Plumley had been planning to attend, but had left the HPC's meeting just prior to the ARGC's meeting with a family emergency.

II. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

III. Approval of April Meeting Minutes: Jeff Steorts made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Taralyn Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

IV. Financial Report: The board received the financial report as information.

V. Continuing Business:

A. Façade grant request by Suzie Hubbell for 4480 Park Street. The motion had been tabled pending further information from the Building Department and Code Enforcement from the April meeting. Ms. Hubbell asked to withdraw the façade grant request.

VI. New Business:

A. Façade grant request by Joann Tubo for 4895 North Main Street (the rear façade of Wind in the Willows): Ms. Tubo presented her plans to install exterior doors on the rear of her building requiring new trim and frame. In addition, Ms. Tubo requests to paint the existing window and door trim as well as the rear façade of Wind in the Willows. Her plans called for 10' wooden doors with sidelights. The project was estimated to cost \$2,681.00. The committee strongly suggested that she consider 8' doors, as they would be more appropriate and cautioned her about doors with sidelights or glass insets as it might result in

easier access for burglars. Mr. Steorts made a motion to approve Ms. Tubo's façade grant request for \$2,000 with a recommendation that she use 8' doors rather than 10' doors. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and it carried.

B. Request by Randy Shaw to have façade grant reissued for 4841 North Main Street (Architectural Glass): Staff informed the board that the 12-month period allotted for major façade projects had expired and that Mr. Shaw desired to reapply for the grant. Chairman Lyles agreed that this was a mere formality and called for a motion. Mr. Steorts made a motion to approve Randy Shaw's façade grant request for \$1,000. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. Revised façade Grant request by Suzie Hubbell for 4480 Park Street (The Shoppes at Park and Main): Ms. Hubbell requested a grant to assist in the weatherproofing of the deck of her business used for outdoor dining and to apply touch-up paint to the façade of the building. The projected cost of this project was \$334.56. Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the grant for \$167.28. Under discussion, Chairman Lyles informed Ms. Hubbell that she would not be awarded another grant for touch-up painting as the committee felt that the entire building would benefit from scraping, repair work, priming, and painting. That being said, Mr. Steorts seconded the motion and it carried.

D. 2008 Project and Budget Requests: Staff informed the board that all boards and commissions as well as city departments were being asked to present their 2008 project requests as part of the budget process for the upcoming year. It was recommended that the ARGC ask for the same amount as last year: \$25,000, which would cover not only any façade grants approved but also any new implementation grants under the DDA/City's Building Reinvestment Program. The board received this as information.

#### VII. Other Business:

A. Façade grant request by Shane Jackson for 4500 South Main Street (Evolution Bike Company): Staff reported that this application was completed after the May meeting packet had been issued. Mr. Jackson was asking for funding to help with signage for his new business located at Clark's Corners. The signs were estimated to cost \$2,130 for a wall sign to be attached to the signable area above the canopy and the sign located in the pediment sign area used for all the businesses located at Clark's Corners. Mr. Steorts made a motion to award Mr. Jackson a façade grant for \$1,065. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and it carried.

VIII. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

IX. Committee Member Comments: There were no additional committee member comments.

X. Adjournment: Chairman Lyles adjourned the meeting at 8.30 p.m.