

New Albany Architectural Review Board April 11, 2022 Minutes

New Albany Architectural Review Board met in regular session in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 99 W Main Street and was called to order by Architectural Review Board Vice Chair Mr. Jonathan Iten at 7:00 p.m.

Those answering roll call:

Mr. Alan Hinson, Chair	Absent
Mr. Francis Strahler	Present
Mr. Jonathan Iten	Present
Mr. Jim Brown	Present
Mr. E.J. Thomas	Absent
Mr. Andrew Maletz	Absent
Ms. Traci Moore	Present
Mr. Michael Durik	Present

Staff members present: Mr. Chris Christian, Planner; and Josie Taylor, Clerk.

Moved by Mr. Brown to approve the January 10, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Moore. Upon roll call: Mr. Brown, yea; Ms. Moore, yea; Mr. Iten, yea; Mr. Strahler, yea. Yea, 4; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Moved by Mr. Strahler to approve the March 14, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call: Mr. Strahler, yea; Mr. Brown, Mr. Iten, yea; Ms. Moore, yea. Yea, 4; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Iten asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Mr. Christian stated none from staff.

Mr. Iten swore those wishing to speak to the Architectural Review Board (hereafter, "ARB") to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

Mr. Iten asked if anyone wanted to discuss items not on tonight's Agenda. (No response).

ARB-39-2022 Certificate of Appropriateness

Certificate of Appropriateness for a new wall sign for Fifth Third Bank at 155E. Main Street (PID: 222-000231).

Applicant: Signarama

Mr. Christian presented the staff report.

Mr. Iten asked if the applicant wanted to provide any comments.

The property manager stated she was available to answer any questions.

Mr. Iten asked if the ARB members had any comments or concerns on the application.

Mr. Brown stated the sign looked nice and would be easier to see.

Mr. Iten stated he agreed.

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Moved by Mr. Strahler to approve the certificate of appropriateness for ARB-39-2022, seconded by Ms. Moore. Upon roll call vote: Mr. Strahler, yea; Ms. Moore, yea; Mr. Brown, yea; Mr. Iten, yea. Yea, 4; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business

- Mr. Iten asked if there was any Other Business.
- Mr. Christian stated no.
- Mr. Iten asked about the construction that appeared to be occurring on Greensward and old SR 161.
- Mr. Christian stated he believed new, large estate homes would be placed on the south side of Dublin Granville Road at that location.
- Mr. Iten asked to confirm if that was not under New Albany jurisdiction.
- Mr. Christian stated it was not.
- Mr. Durik asked when this had been approved.
- Mr. Christian stated he could get that information.
- Mr. Strahler asked if that would be in the New Albany or Columbus schools.
- Mr. Christian stated he would find out.
- Mr. Durik stated he would also reach out about that as he had previously obtained different information regarding that area.
- Mr. Christian stated he would double check.
- Mr. Strahler asked how that would affect the park side.
- Mr. Durik stated he had been told there were wetlands there and he also had a question about that as well as utilities.
- Mr. Christian stated he would find out.
- Mr. Brown asked about the development he had seen signs for on the park behind Village Hall.
- Mr. Christian stated they were working on thirty percent (30%) plans for road improvements, including the Veterans Memorial Park and parking lot improvements.
- Mr. Durik asked what would be included in the area.
- Mr. Christian stated he could provide the ARB with more information about this.
- Mr. Iten asked what was meant by thirty percent (30%).

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Mr. Christian stated that was a term used during the draft stage and involving things such as costs.

Poll Members for Comment

Mr. Iten asked if there were any comments. (No response.)

Moved by Mr. Strahler to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call vote: Mr. Strahler, yea; Mr. Brown, yea; Ms. Moore, yea; Mr. Iten, yea. Yea, 4; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by Josie Taylor.

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APPENDIX



Architectural Review Board Staff Report April 11, 2022

FIFTH THIRD BANK WALL SIGN CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

LOCATION: 155 W Main Street (PID: 222-000231)

APPLICANT: Signarama

REQUEST: Certificate of Appropriateness ZONING: Urban Center, Village Core

STRATEGIC PLAN: Village Center APPLICATION: ARB-39-2022

Review based on: Application materials received on February 22 and March 31, 2022.

Staff report prepared by Chris Christian, Planner.

I. REQUEST AND BACKGROUND

The applicant requests review and approval of one wall mounted sign at 155 W Main Street for Fifth Third Bank. The proposal sign will replace an existing, smaller wall sign on the front elevation of the building.

Per Section 1157.07(b) any major environmental change to a property located within the Village Center requires a certificate of appropriatenesss issued by the Architectural Review Board. In considering this request for new signage in the Village Center, the Architectural Review Board is directed to evaluate the application based on criteria in Chapter 1157 and Chapter 1169.

II. SITE DESCRIPTION & USE

The .83-acre property is zoned Urban Center located within the Village Core sub-district therefore, the city's sign code regulations apply to the site. The site contains a 5,732 square foot building used for commercial uses that is currently owned and occupied by Fifth Third Bank.

III. EVALUATION

A. Certificate of Appropriateness

The ARB's review is pursuant to C.O. Section 1157.06. No environmental change shall be made to any property within the City of New Albany until a Certificate of Appropriateness has been properly applied for and issued by staff or the Board. Per Section **1157.07 Design Appropriateness**, the modifications to the building and site should be evaluated on these criteria:

1. The compliance of the application with the Design Guidelines and Requirements and Codified Ordinances.

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Per the city sign code section 1169.14(a) each building or structure in the Village Core subdistrict shall be allowed three (3) sign types including, but not limited to, hanging, awning and wall signs.

Wall Sign Board

- City sign code chapter 1169.16(h) permits one wall sign per business entrance. The wall signs are permitted to be 1 square foot per linear square foot of building frontage, not to exceed 40 square feet. These wall signs are required to have a maximum of 18" projection from the building; a minimum of 1" sign relief; and, maximum lettering height of 24". External, internal, and neon lighting are permitted.
- The applicant proposes to replace an existing wall sign in the same location with a slightly larger wall sign above the entrance on the Main Street elevation with the following dimensions. The addition of signage constitutes as a major environmental change per C.O. 1157.07 and therefore requires ARB review and approval.
 - a. Area: 25" x 97" = 16.8 square feet [meets code]
 - b. Location: One sign located above the entrance on the Main Street elevation [meets code].
 - c. Lighting: none proposed [meets code].
 - d. Relief: 1.25" [meets code].
 - e. Colors: green, white and blue (total of three) [meets code].
 - f. Material: acrylic panel [meets code].
 - g. Lettering height: maximum height of 7+/- inches [meets code]
- The wall sign will feature the company logo and read "Fifth Third Bank."
- There is an existing single post sign along the frontage of Main Street. The applicant proposes to reface this sign with their logo and graphics. A sign reface does not constitute as a major environmental change per C.O. 1157.07 and therefore does not require ARB review and approval.
- 2. The visual and functional components of the building and its site, including but not limited to landscape design and plant materials, lighting, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and signage.
 - The wall sign is an appropriate sign type for this building and site.
- 3. The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, site and/or its environment shall not be destroyed.
 - The sign is appropriately located above the building entrance and does not block any architectural features.
- 4. All buildings, structures and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time.
 - Not Applicable.
- 5. Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure or site shall be created with sensitivity.
 - Not Applicable.
- 6. The surface cleaning of masonry structures shall be undertaken with methods designed to minimize damage to historic building materials.
 - Not Applicable.

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- 7. Wherever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the original structure would be unimpaired.
 - It does not appear that the signs will affect the original structure, if removed or altered in the future.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this application provided that the ARB finds that the proposal meets sufficient basis for approval. The proposed wall sign is appropriate for the building that it is located on and is appropriately designed to match the scale of the site and building.

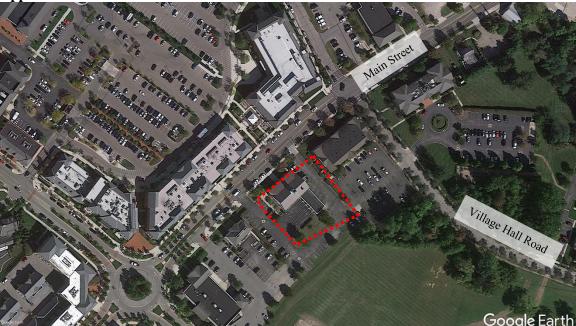
V. ACTION

Should the Architectural Review Board find sufficient basis for approval the following motions would be appropriate. Conditions of approval may be added.

Suggested Motion for ARB-39-2022:

Move to approve Certificate of Appropriateness application ARB-39-2022 (conditions of approval may be added).





Source: Google Earth

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