

Minutes of Meeting Downtown Grant Review Board

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February 17, 2021

ROLL CALL: Board members present: Poynter, Coyle, Chabot, Reinheimer, Terlouw, Berndt

Board members absent: Terpstra

STAFF PRESENT: Erin Chambers, Director of Community Development
Matt Muckler, City Administrator

OTHER PRESENT: Erin Yeager, Newton Main Street
Mike Sell, Farmhouse Creations

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Poynter.

Minutes. Minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved. **Motion** by Terlouw, **seconded** by Coyle, 6-0, Unanimous Approval.

New Business.

A. Farmhouse Creations, 107 1st Avenue West.

Staff reviewed the prepared staff report for the project at 107 1st Avenue West. Mike Sell, applicant, spoke to the board expressing excitement about the building. He noted that their business, Farmhouse Creations, compliments the neighboring business, Relics. Farmhouse Creations is an upcycling business. The applicant shared with the board that the tin ceiling was discovered in the store.

He stated the need for window and door replacement. The window/door will have black framing and will be existing configuration.

Terlouw thanked them for opening the business in Newton and welcomed them. Chabot stated he thought it is a good plan and appreciated the sensitivity to the Downtown and Downtown Design Guidelines. Reinheimer is excited about the tin ceiling. Poynter stated that everyone is looking forward to opening.

Newton Main Street Director Erin Yeager shared that Main Street Iowa helped with some design for the building, and it is almost ready.

Motion by Chabot to approve a downtown grant in an amount up to \$5,000, provided a 1:1 match is met, for 107 1st AVE W, for front windows and door, **seconded** by Coyle. 6-0, Unanimous Approval.

Old Business. None.

Selection of Officers. It was noted that Terpstra was absent and that it might be good to wait until the full board was present. **Motion** by Chabot to table selection of officers to next meeting, **seconded** by Berndt. 6-0, Unanimous Approval

Adjournment. **Motion** by Chabot to adjourn the meeting and **seconded** by Berndt. 6-0, Unanimous Approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.