

MINUTES
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
July 7, 2022

The Wyoming Architectural Review Board (ARB) met on Thursday, July 7, 2022 in the City Building Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Gene Allison. Attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS:

Gene Allison, Chair
Mark Browning
Scott Kyle, Secretary

STAFF:

Megan Statt Blake, Community Development Director
Rusty Herzog, City Manager
Rachel Leininger, Recreation and Citizen Engagement

OTHERS:

Michael Murphy, Champlin Architecture
Katsuya Suematsu, Champlin Architecture
Maureen Geiger
LaBecca Hall
Amy Bennett
Melinda Allison

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Browning moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 ARB meeting as modified, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUED REVIEW OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 1133 OF THE WYOMING CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE GREEN LOCATED AT 412 WYOMING AVNEUE

Ms. Statt Blake provided background on the case, and City Manager Rusty Herzog explained that he engaged the City's architect to provide a design that is "uniquely Wyoming," in response to the feedback provided by the ARB at its May 12 meeting. Mike Murphy, principal with Champlin Architecture, reviewed the process that he and his team engaged in to develop the new pavilion design. A former Wyoming train station was researched from Wyoming Historical Society records and elements of its design were pulled to create the vocabulary of the new design, particularly the roof braces of the former station, while still providing a contemporary design. The proposed materials, including brick, are intended to blend with what is in the immediate area. The new design contains an equivalent amount of steel compared to the original design.

Mr. Allison noted that stone could be an appropriate base material in lieu of brick to correspond to the historic stone work of the neighborhood. He finds the new design to be a distinctive design and an improvement.

Mr. Kyle applauds the effort of the City and the design team for being willing to consider a more in-depth design process for the pavilion, as it yielded a higher quality design and ultimately a more integrated product representative of the community. He stated that the integrated lighting is an important addition to the design, and he recommends that future lighting that may be attached and oriented to the stage be respectful of the pavilion design.

Mr. Browning stated that the new design is a terrific step forward. He is interested in understanding the acoustic potential of the design. He recommended incorporating images of the former train station, perhaps as etched metal panels, in some part of the pavilion to tie the design back to the history of Wyoming. Mr. Murphy recognized that the open sides of the pavilion pose a challenge acoustically, though performers will likely use amplification which reduces the focus on acoustic amplification.

Mr. Allison noted that two members of the Historic Preservation Commission are in attendance and invited their comment. Ms. Hall finds this to be an improved design and noted that the roof line forms a 'W' shape. Ms. Geiger struggles to see how this design fits into the historic character of the Village Green, particularly as it corresponds to the 400 Wyoming Avenue building and the loss of the gazebo, though she appreciates the effort of the design. Mr. Murphy responded that as part of the design process they explored using design elements from the gazebo, however it resulted in dramatically obstructed views, and when elongating the design or dematerializing the front it resulted in a lodge-like design that did not fit the style of the neighborhood. Ms. Bennett added that the roofline appears jagged and severe versus the simplicity of the arches shown from the train station. Mr. Murphy noted that the jagged effect of the roofline is modeled on the gable end of the train station, though they played with the scale and repetition to develop the new design, though the supports under the gable are quite graceful. A single gable roof was considered by it caused the design to be far too tall.

Mr. Browning moved to recommend the new pavilion design to Planning Commission as part of the overall Village Green Development Plan, with the condition that significant changes to the design be reviewed by the ARB. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kyle. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Browning moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kyle. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Statt Blake,
Community Development Director
Secretary of the July 7, 2022 Meeting

Gene Allison,
Chair of the Architectural Review Board