

## Restore Avilla Design Committee

5/24/2021

### Minutes

In attendance: Todd Carteaux, Josh Harper, Paul Shepherd, Chad Rayle, Kevin Kelly and Bill Ley

Josh called the meeting to order at 6:02.

Chad motioned and Kevin seconded to approve the April 26<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. The motion passed 6 – 0.

#### Old Business:

Chad reviewed his research of current Ordinances concerning apartments in ground floor units. They are grandfathered in unless the use is discontinued for 12 months. However, it is difficult to know when some of them would become vacant.

Todd has not made contact with anyone in Roanoke to ask about their downtown code enforcement. Hamilton uses a marine façade theme in their downtown but has no formal code.

Parking availability in downtown is at a premium, especially for upstairs apartment tenants. It was suggested to review and possibly amend the Zoning Ordinance for parking requirements.

What do Committee members want to see Avilla's downtown develop into? What should we discourage from happening in the downtown?

Some ideas: no barn siding on the front façade; preserve the brick facades as much as possible; no apartments on the ground floor; preserve walk-ability, should be a mix of retail, specialty markets and service businesses, business signs should be removed by owners if they close the business, should painted brick facades be allowed?

Bill and Josh presented examples of guidelines for downtown improvement districts from several cities and towns in Indiana.

Chad will contact Attorney Darrick Brinkerhoff to attend the next meeting for advice how the process would work to establish guidelines for downtown building improvements,

#### New Business:

Josh suggested a consultant could be considered to help pull the Zoning Ordinance and others together to form the guidelines for adoption by the Town Council, Plan Commission, Restore Avilla, and/or Redevelopment Commission.

At 7:10 Todd motioned and Bill seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The next Design Committee meeting will be June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Recorded by Bill Ley, Secretary