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Members present: Cathy Clark, Mike Flynn, Bart Mills, Rick Schwartz

Members absent: Ken Blanchard, Bob Fitzgerald

City of Lima: Douglas Ditto, Amy Harpster

Staff: Aubree Kaye, Sue Smith

Design Review Board **December 13, 2018 Minutes**

A. Call to order

Bart Mills called the meeting to order when a quorum was reached.

B. Minutes from November 8, 2018

Cathy Clark moved to accept the minutes. Mike Flynn seconded. All approve.

C. New Business

1. Jeff Bartolovich

122 S. Elizabeth St. (CenturyLink) Façade Application

One application for work that had already been completed was introduced for consideration. In summary, metal panels were applied to the front of the CenturyLink building, over Dryvit, to enhance the building's façade. Chairman Bart Mills determined that we should speak directly with contractor Jeff Bartolovich after brief discussion.

First, Bart wondered why the Dryvit wasn't just painted. He said that the DRB's criteria states that properties are required to "maintain the standards they have" for historic purposes. In this case, the building does not appear to be historic, although it was later determined to be built in 1920. All agreed, however, that it no longer had any recognizably historic features. Both Cathy Clark and Bart were opposed to the metal, especially such a great expanse. This raised further questions about the contractor, including whether that company was registered. Presumably, CenturyLink knows there are regulations to follow.

Second, the Board considered its options. Jeff Bartolovich was reached by phone, and he stated that his company is Bolt Services out of Wellington, Ohio. He also apologized for the "backwardness" of the project and confirmed that the project was, indeed, finished. The existing material had been "plywood with glued stone" and that the stonework was flaking off. He called it a type of "particle stone board."

Bart replied that in this case, the DRB's challenge was two-fold – first, the work is completed and second, the city's design code calls for reclamation of original materials. If the Board had been consulted prior to the work, it would have recommended materials other than metal.

Discussion was held regarding the metal siding and the Board's dislike of its use on such structures. Cathy said perhaps the Board might stipulate that only a certain percentage of metal could be used in the future. Mike Flynn motioned that a conditional approval could be issued with the rider stating that "no more metal could be applied to the building and that further work must come through the DRB." Cathy Clark seconded. All approve.

D. Other

Rick stated that it was his last meeting with the DRB as he would be moving back home to Indiana. A replacement was discussed as well as qualifications.

Mike Flynn moved for adjournment to close out the year. Rick Schwartz seconded. All approve.