

**BELLE PLAINE DESIGN COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine Design Committee conducted a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Chair Krant called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with Commissioners Brian Romness present. Hope Lawler and Cara Cox were absent.

Also present was Community Development Director Smith Strack and Council Liaison Hartmann.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Commissioner Romness, second by Commissioner Hartmann, to approve the Agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of March 3, 2025.

MOTION by Commissioner Hartmann, second by Commissioner Romness, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 3, 2025. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS.

5.1. Proposed Awnings and Signage: 114 Meridian Street North.

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed the proposed awnings and signage at 114 Meridian Street North. Smith Strack explained the owner Brett Tupy was unable to attend the meeting but is available by phone for questions. Smith Strack explained the sign was proposed to be unlit but will now have a farm style light.

The Commission inquired on if the garage doors will still be black at the bottom and how the height of the doors will affect the awning and if people will be able to walk out from the garage doors. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained the applicant hasn't decided yet which doors to get and noted code will determine if patrons will be able to walk in and out at the garage door.

Community Development Director Smith Strack called the applicant to see how the garage door will affect the awnings. Applicant Brett Tupy explained the garage doors should have no effect on the awnings, noting the awnings should be a foot above the garage doors. Smith Strack requested commentary on the proposed light. Tupy explained the light will go over the logo and will be a shepherd hook hanging over to light the sign.

MOTION by Commissioner Romness, second by Commissioner Hartmann, to approve the proposed awnings and signage. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

6.1. Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner's Romness and Krant inquired if staff know of a proposed opening date for the Latin infusion restaurant by Coborn's and Steel Horse Tavern. Community Development Director Smith Strack explained the owners are working through plumbing with the State.

6.2. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Next Regular Meeting: As Needed

Commissioners were reminded of the next upcoming meeting as needed.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Commissioner Romness, second by Commissioner Hartmann, to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary