

**VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE  
BUILDING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 5, 2003, 5:00 PM – Parkview Room  
As Amended, November 18, 2003**

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**1. Roll Call**

*Present:* Mr. Baesemann, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Francois, Mr. Liechty, Mr. Oliveri,  
Mr. Sayas, Mr. Valentin

*Excused Absence:* Ms. Dunn, Mr. Sobczak

*Also Present:* Applicants, Ms. Finn, Mr. Mikolajewski

**2A. Dr. T.R. & Susan Rao – 14975 Del Prado Court – Home Placement**

The Building Board originally approved the Rao's new home on September 2, 2003. The Rao's propose to shift the home approximately three feet and elevate it one foot. The proposed new first floor elevation is 864.5.

Mr. Francois motioned to approve the new home location and new first floor elevation of 864.5. Mr. Oliveri seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**2B. John Strassburger – 820 Brinsmere – Screen Porch Conversion**

Mr. Strassburger presented plans to convert an existing screen porch to a year-round room. The windows will be replaced with vinyl Anderson double-casement with a Terratone color. There will be no grills in the windows; however, muttons will appear down the center of each window. Siding will match that found on the rest of the home, and the existing roof will remain. The entire house will soon be painted a cream color, including the foundation below the existing screen porch.

Mr. Oliveri motioned to approve the submitted proposal, noting that the windows will be vinyl Anderson double casement with a Terratone finish and no grills, and that all other materials and colors will match those found on the rest of the home. Mr. Oliveri also noted that in accordance with Code of Ordinance Section 7-1 & 7-4, when erected the exterior architectural appeal and functional plan of the proposed structure will not be so at variance or so similar to the exterior architectural appeal and functional plan of structures under construction or existing in the immediate neighborhood, or so at variance with the intended character of the applicable district as stated in Chapter 335, Zoning, as to be likely to cause a substantial depreciation in the property values in the immediate neighborhood. Mr. Campbell seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**2C. Towne Realty – 12910-12960 Bluemound Road – Development Sign**

Mr. Bernacchi presented the proposed development sign for the new Autumn Grove Plaza development proposed along Bluemound Road. It was noted that the sign will be

located off of the right-of-way and will not be illuminated. Mr. Bernacchi requested that the two faces of the sign be V-shaped, rather than flush against one another.

Mr. Oliveri motioned to approve the development sign to be located off of the right-of-way, to not have any illumination, and to be double sided in a V-shape or perpendicular to the road. Mr. Oliveri noted that provisions of Code of Ordinance Section 7-1 & 7-4. Mr. Francois seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

## **2D. O'Donoghue's Irish Pub – 13225 Watertown Plank Road – Alterations**

Mr. Oliveri was recused for this item due to a potential conflict of interest.

Mr. Jamie O'Donoghue and Mr. Robert Janik, contractor, presented proposals for new windows, signage, and murals for O'Donoghue's Irish Pub. Staff and the Board began by clarifying that the mural will count as signage according to the definition of signs found within the Code of Ordinance.

Mr. Valentin and other Board members indicated a preference for opening both of the boarded windows on the north elevation, noting that this would improve the appearance of the building. Mr. O'Donoghue and Mr. Janik expressed the difficulties of opening a window adjacent to one of the interior booths, and the desire to create intimacy inside of the building. The Board discussed the possibility of opening the window and using interior shutters as a compromise.

The Board discussed the different color and style of the windows on the second story and Mr. O'Donoghue stated that he would eventually want all of the windows to match, and would consider painting the upper-story windows at this time so that they would more closely match those found on the first floor.

Mr. Baesemann suggested that "heavier" divided lights should be used in the first floor windows.

The Board clarified that valance lighting will be used to illuminate the mural found on the east elevation. The colors of the mural will be black, a stone color, and gold leaf.

The new O'Donoghue's sign on the north elevation will be black with gold leaf. Four twelve-inch lights will illuminate this sign. Another two eight inch lights will illuminate the shield. All lighting on the signs and murals will be lit from dusk until close.

Mr. Liechty motioned to approve the new O'Donoghue's sign on the north elevation as proposed and the new mural on the east elevation, provided that the area of this sign, the mural, and the existing shield does not exceed 56 square feet, and that these signs be illuminated from dusk until close. Mr. Liechty noted the provisions of Code of Ordinance Section 7-1 & 7-4. Mr. Valentin seconded. Motion carried 5-0, with Mr. Oliveri recused.

Mr. Liechty motioned to approve the new first floor windows on the east and north elevation noting the following: the windows will have divided lights with grills that are slightly heavier than proposed, the windows will be aluminum with clear glass, the size and proportion of the divided lights in all of the windows will be as similar as possible to one another, the frames of the second-story windows will be painted a color to match the

frames of the new first-story windows. Mr. Liechty noted the provisions of Code of Ordinance Section 7-1 & 7-4. Mr. Francois seconded. Motion carried 5-0, with Mr. Oliveri recused.

**3. No Minutes**

**4. Discuss date for meeting with Board of Trustees**

The Building Board discussed a possible date to meet with the Legislative Committee and Trustees to discuss changing the Building Board's approval and denial language. Staff informed the Board that a likely date and time would be Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 7:00 PM. The Board decided that they would discuss their position at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. It was also decided that Mr. Valentin would serve as spokesman for the Building Board at the joint meeting.

**5. Adjournment**

Mr. Francois motioned for adjournment. Mr. Liechty seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew B. Mikolajewski  
Assistant Planner