DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

August 8, 2011

Case Number

DRB2011-17

Applicant/Purchaser:

Samuel R. Bared

Property Location

720 Central Avenue Neighborhood Council # 7

Requested Action

Design Review of the renovation of front façade for the existing commercial structure.

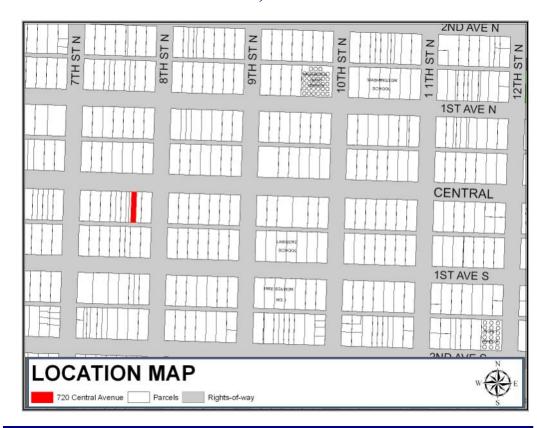
Recommendation

Approve design with conditions.

Project Planner

Charlie Sheets

720 CENTRAL AVENUE, RETAIL GIFT STORE



Summary

Project Description

The applicant is proposing to renovate the exterior façade of the vacant commercial property along the south side of Central Avenue. He intends to open a retail gift shop.

Background

Legal description of property: West½ of Lot 6, Block 361, Original Townsite of Great Falls

- Property frontage: 25'-0"
- Property depth: 150'-0"
- Property square footage: 3,750 S.F.
- Building square footage: 1,225 S.F.
- Building wall frontage: 25'-0"
- Building height: 11'-0"

Project Overview

Proposed Improvements

The applicant is purchasing the property and intends to open a retail gift shop. The property is currently vacant but was most recently occupied by Al's Repair and Appliance Service in 2009. The applicant intends to renovate the Central Avenue frontage and the front 23'-0" of the east side of the building. The material being proposed is steel-Delta Rib Vertical siding. The color of the siding will be light stone. The front windows and entry door will be replaced. The windows will have mullions to give the over window transom a appearance of individual panes of glass. Additionally, the applicant will renovate the vacant 1,225 S.F. for retail space.

Central Historic Business District

The property is within the boundaries of the historic district. The 2002 Montana Historic and Architectural Inventory of the subject property notes the last renovation of record was in 1985. The Inventory lists the property as a contributing building to the historic district in that the depression era building has retained its original design and windows. The exterior sheathing may be reversed. Historic Preservation Officer, Ellen Sievert, stated that steel-Delta Rib Vertical siding is not a historic material for the downtown district and she would recommend a masonry veneer along with repairing the wood windows.

Zoning, Building Height, and Setbacks

The property is zoned C-4 Central business core district. This district is intended to accommodate and create a high level of business and social activity from morning through the nighttime hours. This district hosts a wide range of employment and businesses. Retail operations and specialty stores are common on the street level along with professional offices. Residential uses can occur in this district primarily on the upper levels of buildings. Entertainment occurs in this district and helps to create a destination. Sidewalk cafes and food vendors are common during the warmer months of the year. Offstreet parking is available, but occurs primarily in multi-level parking garages and on-street parking. The proposed retail store is permitted and in compliance with the zoning, height and setback requirements of the code.

Parking

There are four existing off-street parking spaces from the alley that are on unmarked gravel. These spaces will be reserved for the owner and employees. Customers will be using the adjacent on-street public metered parking. The adjacent property to the east is a paved parking lot primarily used by the instructors and students of Dahl's Beauty School.

Landscaping

City Code 17.44.3.010 Design Standards for Commercial Buildings is not triggered by this renovation.

Sidewalks

The existing public sidewalks are in good condition. Project does not trigger sidewalk requirements.

Signage

The applicant would like to utilize the existing roof mount frame to install a roof sign as shown on the front façade rendering. This proposed sign is 20 S.F. Roof signs are prohibited by City Code 17.60.2.010. The appellant would need to consider taking the roof sign to the Board of Adjustment. The property is allowed a total sign area equal to 10% of the building frontage or 27.5 S.F and 1/3 of an architecturally distinct window. The signage requires a separate permit from the Planning & Community Development Department and will be reviewed for conformance at such a time that the applicant submits.

Outdoor Lighting

The project does not trigger outdoor lighting requirements.



Wall frontage of 720 Central Avenue.



View looking at the east elevation of the existing building.

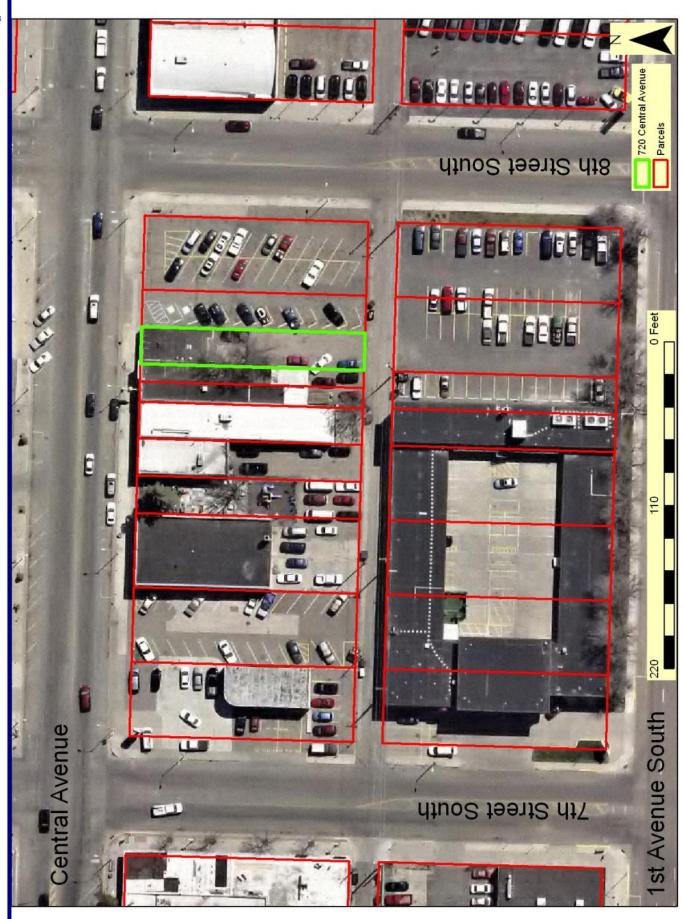


View looking south at the rear of the subject property.

EXHIBIT A - APPLICATION

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION

	DATE: 4/5/2011
NAME: SAMUE/ R. BARER	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
ADDRESS: P. P. Box 6164, Great FAL	15, M+59406 PHONE: 799-4775
AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE:	
ADDRESS:	PHONE;
SITE ADDRESS: 720 Central Avenue	ne, Great FAlls, Mt 59401
Square Footage of Building Site: 4,55 Square Footage of Structure(s): 1,22	D So Feet 5 Sq. Feet
Design Review Board Meeting Date:	
The following items must be submitted as part Legal Description	of the application:
Lot(s) Wasizh o T le	
Block(s): 36/ Subdivision: Township of Great Falls	
Or Township: Range:	Section:
Use Intended: R. tail GIFT Shop	
PACKET (2 Copies Drawn to Scale to Sufficient a. Application b. Site Plan/Landscaping Plan/Parking c. Elevation Drawings - 11" x 17" d. Topography Map - 11" x 17" e. Drawing of each Proposed Sign (Type Materials) f. Written Zoning Determination (obta)	ely Demonstrate the Following Items) Plan - 11" x 17" e, Copy, Dimensions, Height, &
Building and Property Frontage:	
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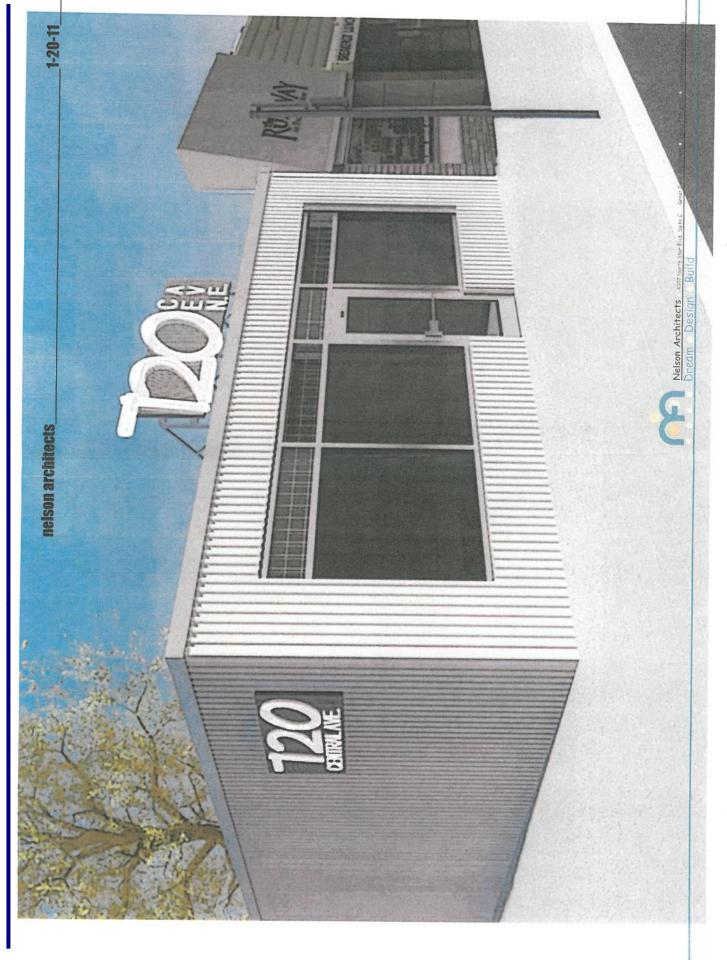
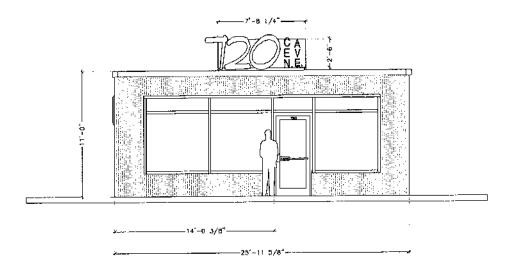
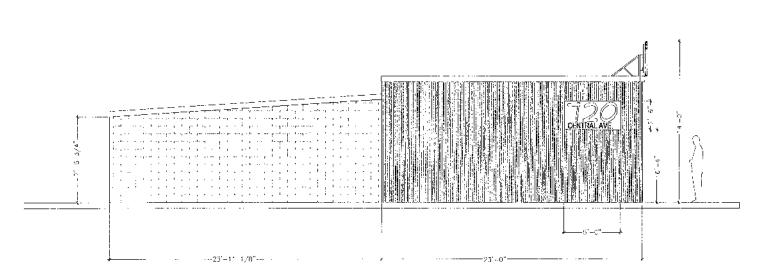


EXHIBIT D - ELEVATIONS



Front Elevation

1/4"=1'-0"

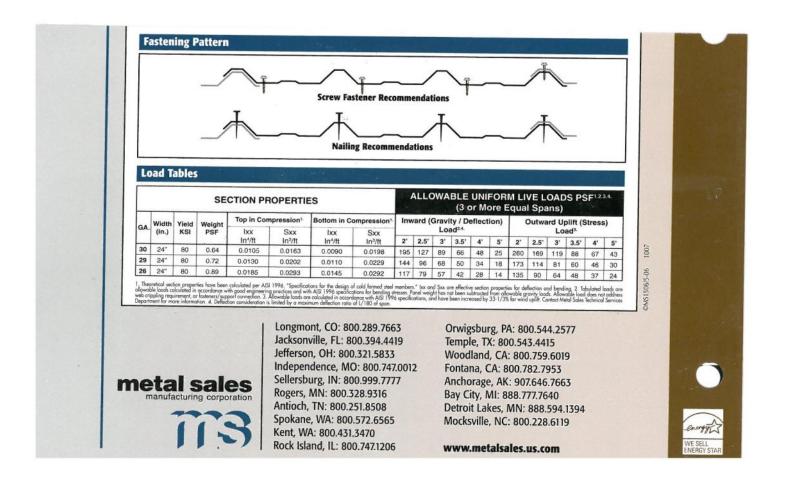


Front Elevation

1/4"=1"-0"

EXHIBIT E - MATERIAL SHEET





Recommendation

Suggested Motion

1. Board Member moves:

"I move that the Design Review Board (approve / approve with conditions) the Design Review Application of Samuel R. Barer, 720 Central Avenue, as shown in the conceptual development plans contained within this report subject to fulfillment of the following conditions by the applicant:

- The proposed project shall be developed consistent with the conditions in this agenda report, all codes and ordinances of the City of Great Falls, the State of Montana, and all other applicable regulatory agencies.
- If after the approval of the concept development plan as amended by this board, the owner proposes to expand or modify the conceptual development plans, the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department shall determine in writing if such proposed change would alter the concept for one or more review criteria. If such proposed change would alter the plan, the proposal shall be resubmitted for review as a new application.
- The appellant would need to consider taking the roof sign to the Board of Adjustment.

•	Require the front façade material be changed from the proposed steel-Delta Rib Vertical siding to a horic masonry veneer.

2. Chairman calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Cc: City Engineering, Dave Dobbs City Neighborhood Council Rep., Patty Cadwell Samuel R. Bared, P.O. Box 6164, Great Falls, MT 59406