



Architectural Review Committee

Adams Fire Station 572 S. Eton, Birmingham, MI

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Friday, April 15, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Larry Bertolini, Scott Bonney

City Staff: Joe Valentine, City Manager
Jana Ecker, Planning Director
John Connaughton, Fire Chief
John Donohue, Assistant Fire Chief
Joellen Haines, Assistant to the City Manager

Others: Scott Clein
Robin Boyle
Stuart Jeffares
George Kacan, Sidock Group
George Petkoski, Sidock Group
Stacy Peterson, Sidock Group

Discussion for today's meeting focused on the recommendations regarding the West, South and East elevations for the Chesterfield Fire Station and addressing site plan elevations, from recommendations made at the 4.4.16 ARC meeting.

George Petkoski, Sidock Group, presented the revised plans for the Chesterfield Fire Station based on the assimilated comments from the last ARC meeting. He explained how the consensus was to settle on a brick tower and eliminate the roof. They incorporated 3 windows in the chief's office and 2 windows for the watchman's office, and eliminated the overhang.

Discussion on Banding - South Elevation Banding

Scott Bonney wondered why the stone banding wasn't done on the left side of the tower. George Petkoski said it keeps the tower in the same plane, and takes the horizontal and vertical and meshes them together. Bonney said he wasn't sure on the asymmetrical design. Bonney likes the lighting underneath, and likes the idea of banding because it gives a good feeling of a municipal building. Larry Bertolini said he is not sold on that prominent part of the building and would like to see the tower as a complete element. Bertolini said he would like to see the bands taken out.

Discussion continued from Planning Board members on the subject of banding. Scott Clein said he likes this version very much. Clein agrees with removing the banding to the left of the door. Stuart Jeffares agreed on removing the banding to the left of the door, and Robin Boyle said he supports his colleagues on taking off the banding to the left of the door. Bonney mentioned the

light above the door, and Petkoski said he there would be a band of recessed light above the door.

Tower – Bonney, Jeffares and Clein said they like the tower.

West Elevation

Petkoski explained that they took out the door, cleaning up the west elevation and added brick. Everyone agreed that they like the west elevation

North Elevation

Petkoski explained that windows were introduced in the high bay area. Robin Boyle said the drawing looks considerably better, an improvement from before. Bertollini said he like the 3 grouping of windows. Clein agrees completely that he likes this plan better but wondered if the doors have the same color. Petkoski said the doors will be similar, and will appear shadowed in the brick and similar to the Adams station, possibly using the type of brick called Ironspot. Bertollini said a rich color for the brick will be nice. Petkoski said they will bring a sample to the Planning Board. It will be similar to the Adams Station.

East Elevation

Bonney likes the small punched windows at the top and likes the grouping of the windows, and the deeper windows. Everyone agreed to add one more panel of glass window on the Lt.'s office on the left side of the building. Chief said functionally it is the same, and everyone agreed to add the window to the left side. Bonney mentioned he likes the municipal feel to the building with the brick and stone. Bonney said he appreciates the minimal use of limestone on the building.

Site Plan considerations

George Kocan explained changes to the sitting area, which involved eliminating the respite part on one side and moving the horseshoe-shaped arrangement and turning it so the open end is engaged with the sidewalk, making it more inviting to have people sit down. They removed the wall that was there last time. This arrangement makes it still part of the composition. Bonney liked that it is now combined from 2 places into one spot, just off the sidewalk. Clein wanted to know if there was consideration in the finish playing off the plaza showing a connection between the 2 sites. Kocan said that they are looking into that and will use the official bench facing outward and using similar materials.

Other Suggestions for future meetings

Clein requested if any ARC members could attend the next Planning Board meeting. Clein requested Fire Chief Connaughton give his presentation to the PB. Bonney recommended using color on the technical site plan. Clein said it would be nice touch to use color, but they are used to seeing black and white; it's always nice to see landscaping in color. Boyle said an aerial image to see all the driveways is very impactful. Bonney suggested an aerial zoomed in image from Google of existing and photoshop on the proposed plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.