

Design Review Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 3:30 pm

Place: Council Chambers

Attendance

Chairman: Gary Fischer

Board Members: Gary Fischer, Jon Veard Jr., Evelisse Atkinson, & Janet Garcia

Recognized as Present: Andrea Neal at 3:35 pm.

Absent: Joyce Ferlic-Arredondo

Also in attendance: Andrea Smith

A Quorum was established.

The meeting was called to order on January 13, 2026, at 3:30 pm by Gary Fischer

Minutes

A motion was made by Jon Veard Jr. to approve the minutes from the Design Review Board meeting on November 18, 2025. The motion was supported by Janet Garcia.

4 in favor/ 0 opposed.

New Business

DRB 01-2026, Submission for the Design Review Board review and consideration, new signage for building at 668 Broadway

Joshua Bryner for Appliances 4 Less was present and spoke.

- Evelisse Atkinson spoke to the Zoning portion of the sign. Specifically, the maximum limit of the window signs.
- The Board made suggestions on how to improve the look of the sign and suggested using the marquee on the building for the sign would be a better fit.
- Gary Fischer provided applicant with a drawing of a suggested sign.

A motion was made by Andrea Neal to allow the applicant to submit an updated sign proposal via email and to permit the board to approve the application electronically. The motion was supported by Jon Veard Jr.

5 in favor/ 0 opposed.

DRB 02-2026, Submission for the Design Review Board review and consideration, new signage for building at 205 W. 5th St

Doug Navalinski was present and spoke.

- Evelisse Atkinson spoke to the Zoning portion of the sign. Specifically, the maximum limit of the projecting sign.

A motion was made by Andrea Neal to approve the sign application. The motion was supported by Janet Garcia.

5 in favor/ 0 opposed.

Old Business:

None on the agenda

- Andrea Smith and Evelisse Atkinson spoke regarding the Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant that will allow the City of Lorain to update its Design Review Guidelines.
 - Received an extension (August 2026)

Correspondence:

None Received.

Staff and Board Comments:

Announcement: Eileen Torres will no longer be on the Design Review Board as she has been elected to council.

-Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 3:59 pm made Andrea Neal.


Evelisse Atkinson, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Matt Kuszniir, Director Building, Housing and Planning Department

Andrea Smith, Neighborhood Development Specialist

Gary Fischer, Chairman

A full recording of this meeting can be found at www.cityoflorain.org



Gary Fischer
Chairman



Andrea Smith
Secretary Design Review Board

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Meeting Date: 02/10/2026

Subject:

No Applications Received
