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Design Advisory Commission

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282.01 ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.

(a) There is hereby established the Design Advisory Commission which shall be an advisory and consultative body and which shall serve as a resource for Village Council, its boards and commissions, the Village Manager and his or her designated staff and Village-related boards, commissions, enterprises and organizations. Its mission is to achieve an overview of Village-related areas and projects for the purpose of rendering advice about the visual and (related) functional impact of matters concerning the Village. This refers to choices about various materials, plans, colors, products and projects (i.e. street furniture, parks, walking/skate paths, signage, color selections, Village buildings, etc.).

(b) The Design Advisory Commission is authorized to review all requests for new or modified signs within the Village-owned grassy area from 237 Corry St. (currently known as the Ehman Building) to the Riding Center, 1117 East Hyde Road, Miami Township.

(Res. 98-16. Passed 7-6-98; Ord. 2004-4. Passed 2-2-04.)

282.02 CONFORMITY WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS; MEETINGS.

The Design Advisory Commission shall be a standing commission of Council and shall be subject to standard commission regulations. The Commission will meet regularly on a bi-monthly basis unless circumstances require more or less frequent meetings. The Commission will have available to it through the Village Manager's office, without cost to its members, those things necessary to carry out its charge, such as a meeting room, copying, advertising, postage, etc.

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282.03 TERMS OF OFFICE; MEMBERSHIP.

Members of the Design Advisory Commission shall serve for two years, with a limit of three successive terms. There shall be no more than five members of the Commission, four of whom shall be volunteers who are professionals either trained or working in the disciplines of industrial, graphic or interior design, or who are fine artists, art consultants, art educators, landscape architects and architects. One member of the Commission shall be a volunteer from the general citizenry who has interest and possible experience with design, but who is not a design professional or who does not necessarily have art training.

(Res. 98-16. Passed 7-6-98.)

282.04 ADVISORY FUNCTION OF COMMISSION.

The Design Advisory Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity, not legislative. The Commission shall provide advice and recommendations, shall suggest design possibilities and, when possible, direct users to appropriate resources. The Commission will not provide full professional design services, such as professional drawings, budget planning, etc., and it shall not be used as a free design service. The Design Advisory Commission will determine the eligibility of projects which come before the Commission.

(Res. 98-16. Passed 7-6-98.)

282.05 PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENTS; COUNCIL REVIEW OF COMMISSION.

(a) Membership in the Design Advisory Commission shall be according to the following procedure:

- (1) Council will publically announce and advertise the formation of the Commission. Eligible citizens may apply in response to the announcement, residents may nominate candidates, and/or Council may invite specific candidates to apply.
- (2) Candidates will be asked a series of questions which have been determined by the interview committee.

(b) After four years, Council will review the Commission to determine its status for continuation. The Commission shall continue until Council completes its review.

(Res. 98-16. Passed 7-6-98.)

282.06 ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.

Eligible projects will be brought before the Design Advisory Commission by way of

or in consultation with the Village Manager, as follows:

- (a) The Village Manager and/or his or her designated staff may refer relevant projects to the Commission.

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- (b) Council may require its commissions, boards, the Village Manager and his or her staff to submit relevant plans to the Design Advisory Commission for review; however, the use of this advice shall be voluntary.
- (c) There shall be ongoing communication between the Village Manager and the Commission.

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