

WHITEFISH ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Leslie Lowe, chair, at 8:15 AM

PRESENT: Alexandria Cianciulli, Ryan Kiefer, Lucky Loncar, Leslie Lowe, Paul McElroy, Tracy Rossi, Elizabeth Zachman

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Wendy Compton-Ring, Lauren Macdonald

Welcome to Alexandria.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

MINUTES: The minutes from August 5, 2025 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

232 & 238 Central Avenue, awning façade change, Frank (ARC 25-09) Described the painting colors and trim. The sign will be upgraded by the business and will maintain their logo colors.

Tracy – likes the new color scheme

Paul – likes it

Elizabeth – better defined

Motion:

Tracy – move to approve

Paul – 2nd

Discussion: none

Vote: motion passes unanimously

Peregrine Apartments, Building 1, amendment, Ruis Construction (ARC 24-24) Described the changes to the front of the buildings (doors) and the stone material around the doors.

Leslie – it's unfortunate to lose some relief on the front of the building; loss of the stone is too bad

Paul – not opposed to the change in the door, but likes the stone

Leslie – OK with the door but not the stone

Elizabeth – if really want to get rid of the stone the applicant needs to provide better drawings to better understand the request

Motion:

Leslie – move to approve the door change and deny the removal of the rock

Lucky – 2nd

Discussion: none

Vote: motion passes unanimously

North Valley Music School, 1988 River Lakes Parkway, amendment (ARC 23-05)
Amendment to the approval to remove the west canopy. Hope to add it some day in the future, but they did not have enough funds to cover the costs. It's unfortunate and it was a very difficult decision. If needed, they could have a temporary tent for temporary activities. Described the screening around the exterior mechanical equipment. It will be done by mid-September.

Leslie – the canopy provides an additional outdoor spaces

Lucky – it will be hot without the canopy; could add space

Elizabeth – it isn't against the standards

Paul – it's a really defining element

Elizabeth – doesn't think it's a big change to the building

Ryan – is ok with the change

Paul – is fine with it too

Elizabeth – thinks it would be good to have a discussion about these kind of changes more broadly later

Motion:

Elizabeth – move to approve the removal of the west canopy

Ryan – 2nd

Discussion:

Lucky – cutting corners at the last minute and the functionality is important

Leslie – this is an important part of the project and will not support this amendment

Vote: motion passes 5-2 (Lucky, Leslie voted against)

NEW BUSINESS none

OTHER ITEMS

Pre-App, Rocky Mountain Car Wash, Lot 1, Snowy Mountain Subdivision The Committee requested the applicant revise their plan to reflect the Whitefish community, review the Architectural Review Standards – especially the Formula Retail Standards – and come back to another pre-app before submitting a final application.

Pre-App, Wright's Furniture Addition, 6295 Highway 93 S, MT Creative The Committee reviewed the two buildings. The group had a discussion and was receptive to the designs.

Pre-App, 560 Masters Court (Lot 1 & 2), townhouse, MT Creative The Committee reviewed the two buildings. The group had a discussion and was receptive to the designs.

Text Amendments to the Architectural Review Standards Next meeting.

All department staff is gone on October 7th. The ARC cancelled the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM