

Post Hoc Agenda of short email exchange copied to Renaissance Board Members on May 17, 2023



On Wed, May 17, 2023 at 4:27 PM Jonathan Rosenthal <jonathan.rosenthal@minotnd.gov> wrote:

Dear Members of the Board:

Just sharing a design issue:

One design issue the City Council Renaissance Board took up was vinyl window coverings. We pay for DISPLAY windows that engage people inside and on the sidewalk. That can only be achieved when the window can be seen through. The fenestration of the friendliest downtown buildings visually engages the street as well as the people driving and walking by.

Don't Look Now

A case in point is this building off of Main Street downtown. This window is covered with “see-through” vinyl coverings on the glass that allow people to look out but not in. Arguably, neat and clean. But invisible. As far as I know, it’s a good business, but it certainly doesn’t engage the street in any meaningful way. The name is a bit ironic since one definitely cannot look in.

The one piece of great news is that this kind of thing can be removed quickly when it is suitable to make that correction.

Have a great day.

Jonathan

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 4:36 PM

To: Jonathan Rosenthal <jonathan.rosenthal@minotnd.gov>

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Subject: Re: Vinyl window coverings are not a good look

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In defense of this particular business, it is a medical spa, and I would assume the coverings are there to offer their clientele privacy.

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Hi Jonathan,

You can't be having these discussions with a board/committee without having noticed the meeting. This is a violation of the open meetings laws. I recommend sending out articles for review and bcc'ing members; not cc'ing them and risking the chance that one may respond as is the case here.

Or, you can place an item on the agenda for the next meeting and have a discussion on the matter.

Best,

John Van Dyke

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Subject: No discussions over emails

All:

It doesn't come up often, but I was just reminded that a discussion of any issue using emails may constitute a violation of open meetings laws. So I need to stop. But issues may be discussed in the context of a regular meeting if you wish.

Jonathan