



PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**Project Address:** 517/521 Cottage Grove Road  
**Application Type:** Façade Grant – Initial/Final Approval is Requested  
**Legistar File ID #** [65589](#)  
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## Background Information

**Applicant | Contact:** Ryan Ramig, Dive Inn, LLC/Becky Ring, property owner

**Project Description:** The applicant is seeking initial/final approval for a façade improvement grant. The scope of work includes construction of a new ADA ramp with decking and railing, new awning and signage, siding repairs, a stucco band, new soffits and gutters.

**Project Schedule:**

- The applicant anticipates beginning work in Summer 2021.

**Approval Standards:** The Urban Design Commission is advisory on this request. On October 3, 2000, the Common Council adopted Resolution No. 61179, approving the Objectives and Criteria for the Façade Improvement Grant Program. The resolution specifies that all Façade Improvement proposals be referred to the Urban Design Commission for comments and recommendations. The funding resolution will ultimately be a decision of the Common Council.

## Summary of Design Considerations and Recommendations

Staff recommends that the UDC review the project and provide feedback regarding the proposed façade improvements, including material selections and detailing. Additionally, staff notes that though this site is outside of the façade grant target area, this site is located near the [Cottage Grove Road Activity Centers Plan - Special Area Plan](#) and within an area experiencing multiple recent redevelopment efforts. This site is a prime location for exterior building improvements that could support a new and/or growing small business within an area experiencing re-investment.

For more information on the project scope and grant request, see the Report of Façade Improvement Grant Staff Team - included in the UDC application packet.