

MINUTES

BIRMINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

The Birmingham Planning Commission convened in the City Council Chamber on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 8:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Michael Morrison, Vice-Chairman Dr. Nyesha Black, Chairman Pro-Tem Haley Colson-Lewis, Brian Gunn, Stephen Schrader, J. Charles Jordan II, Sharon Deep-Nelson, Patty Pilkerton, Mashonda Taylor, Dr. Victoria Hollis, Councilor Valerie Abbott, Councilor LaTonya Tate (Brandon McCray), Chaz Mitchell, and Michael Eddington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Crenshaw

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Ward, Heather Garrison, Jason Hjetland, Thomas Yuill, and Maureen Allen

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrison. Commissioner Schrader made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deep-Nelson and the agenda was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2022

Vice-Chairman Black made a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission's April 6, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No Director's report.

- IV. CASE NO.:** PF-4-22
- SUBJECT:** A request for approval of the location, character and extent of improvements associated with the renovation of the eight-story, 136,000 s. f. UAB Lyons-Harrison Research Building along with a 29,000 s. f. building addition to create the new Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building
- APPLICANT:** Brian Templeton, Director of Planning, Design and Construction at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
- PREMISES:** 701 19th Street South; the structure spans over 7th Avenue South and it is bounded by UAB Jefferson Tower to the north, 19th Street and Veteran's Administration Hospital to the west, UAB School of Dentistry to the east, and the UAB Zeigler Medical Research Building to the south.

Senior Planner Heather Garrison introduced the case.

Brian Templeton, Director of Planning, Design and Construction at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) addressed the Planning Commission. Mr. Templeton thanked the Commission for their welcoming hospitality and jovial interactions. Mr. Templeton went through a slideshow presentation and briefly described each slide.

The first half of the presentation covered the location maps, maps from the approved master plan, images depicting existing conditions, site plans and a stacking plan for the proposed project. The final half of the presentation reviewed the architectural designs, elevation drawings and a typical floor plan for the proposed project.

Commissioner Eddington asked about the right-of-way involved in the project. Mr. Templeton expressed that they went through the process to vacate the right-of-way at a recent Subdivision Committee meeting.

Commissioner Pilkerton asked about parallel parking on the street and if there were plans for it to remain. Mr. Templeton explained that they removed the parallel parking but were adding ten parking spots at a sixty-degree angle to compensate for the removal.

With no additional questions or comments, Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Case Number PF-4-22. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and the following resolution was approved unanimously:

WHEREAS, the current UAB Lyons-Harrison Research Building originally opened in 1960 and now needs to be renovated; and

WHEREAS, UAB is proposing the renovation of the eight-story, 136,000 s.f. UAB Lyons-Harrison Research Building along with a 29,000 s.f. addition to create the new Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building; and

WHEREAS, the new Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building will support UAB Research by providing a state-of-the-art facility specifically designed to meet the needs of genomics, precision medicine, and data science teams working in the building; and

WHEREAS, it will provide improved collaboration, computational capabilities, and increased support while expanding opportunities for collaboration between research and health care; and

WHEREAS, the renovation of and addition to the existing building will support the recruitment of approximately fifty new researchers along with their program and support staff; and

WHEREAS, the new addition and urban greenspace will be located on the previous sites of the UAB Kracke Building and the Pittman Center, both buildings previously demolished after review and approval from the Project Review Committee of the Birmingham Planning Commission on March 10, 2021 (Case Number PF-2-21); and

WHEREAS, the UAB Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building is in the UAB – 2020 Campus Master Plan Update that was reviewed and approved by the Birmingham Planning Commission on May 5, 2021 (Case Number PF-3-83G); and

WHEREAS, the Five Points South Neighborhood Association reviewed and approved the UAB Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building on April 19, 2022; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Birmingham Planning Commission that the request for approval of location, character and extent of the improvements as proposed on the above-described property is hereby APPROVED as illustrated in the document entitled: “Renovation of Lyons-Harrison Building to the Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building”, dated May 4, 2022.

VI. Other Business and Communications

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.