



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee Meeting Minutes August 12, 2020

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Members Present: Abra Barnes, Ivan Holloway, Creig Hoskins, Lea Ann Macknally, Richard Mauk, Sheila Montgomery-Mills, Ben Wieseman, Brian Wolfe

Members Absent: Scott Burnett, Willie Oliver, Chris Swain

Staff Present: Karla Calvert, Lauren Havard, Paige Largue, John Sims

Others Present: Sidney Aulds, Joel Blackstock, David Brandt, Dave Dresher, John Forney, Mike Gibson, Erwin Henderson, Bruce Lanier, Mark Ritter, Mary Sanders

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the DRC minutes were not ready.

- I. Name:** Mr. Bruce Lanier (Architect)
Site Address: 741 Linwood Road
District: Forest Park (Local Historic District)
Requesting approval for: Replacing windows

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked Largue for her report from the Local Historic Advisory Committee. She stated that the LHAC voted to approve this proposal as presented. The recommendation of the LHAC was to support the design review request for the following reasons: The replacement windows are in keeping with the original windows on the home, both as to style and quality. Of equal importance is the fact the windows being replaced on the front and side of the home are not original to the home but are rather Florida style 1950s-60s louvered windows with metal frames, not in keeping with the original style of the home.

The recommendation of the AC was based on the following sections of the local historic district's design guidelines: General Standard #3 applies & the Guideline for D. Windows, paragraphs 2 & 4 apply.

The Forest Park AC also made the following Standard of Review Findings of Fact: (1) The proposed change conforms to the design standards established; (2) The proposed change is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value; (3) The proposed action will not detrimentally change, destroy, or adversely affect significant architectural features of the



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said property; and (4) The proposed change will be compatible with the exterior features of other improvements within the District.

Mr. Lanier presented his plan to replace windows in Forest Park. He stated that the windows would be aluminum windows painted with “Flagstone.” He stated that the new windows would be higher quality windows than were currently in the house.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC.

Motion seconded by: Macknally

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

II. Name: Mr. Will Hollingsworth (J.H. Berry & Gilbert, Inc.)

Site Address: 2700 3rd Ave South

District: Lakeview

Requesting approval for: Demolition

Statements: Mr. Drescher presented his plan to demolish the existing Washee Quickee. He stated he wanted to remove the buildings and structures, and return the site to an undeveloped site. Wieseman stated that a redevelopment plan was required for demolition. Mr. Drescher stated that there were no plans to fence the site or do anything other than remove the structures. Wieseman stated that this site it likely to become the site of unauthorized parking. He asked how Mr. Drescher would prevent this from happening. The applicant stated that he didn’t have a plan for that. Chairman Mauk stated that the DRC always requires a plan for a site that will be demolished.

Motion: Macknally made a motion to carry this case over pending a redevelopment plan.

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

III. Name: Ms. Mary Sanders (Barrett Architecture Studio)

Site Address: 700 29th Street (Los Amigos Restaurant)

District: Lakeview

Requesting approval for: Canopy (last seen 7/8/20)

Statements: Ms. Sanders presented her plan to add a canopy to the Los Amigos Restaurant. She proposed a timber framed canopy with rafter tails and a metal roof with double columns at the front, painted to match the existing trim. She also stated that the new railing would be open and metal. Ms. Sanders stated that she would be reusing the furniture that already exists at the site. The canopy would have recessed lighting. Ms.



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Sanders asked if the owner wanted to add sides to the canopy if she would need to return to the DRC. Mauk said yes. Mauk asked if the canopy would be attached to the building, Ms. Sanders said no, except to waterproof the canopy. Sims reminded Ms. Sanders that the temporary signage would need to come down. Wolfe stated that he was concerned about there being damage to the building when the canopy was flashed.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to approve this proposal as presented. He stated that all temporary banners needed to be removed, and that any winterization of the canopy/porch would need to return.

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- IV. **Name:** Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services)
Site Address: 1401 3rd Avenue South (The Palmer)
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Signage Master Plan (last seen 4/24/20)

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his signage master plan. He stated that primarily most of the signage would be building signage, but that there was room for one retail tenant at the NE corner of the building. He stated that most of the signage would be on the NW and NE corners of the building, along with parking signage. He also stated that there would be raceway-mounted channel letters on the canopies for signage for the tenant. For location 6, the signs would be the same size. Mr. Brandt then showed 6 lighted, column-mounted signs. Wolfe stated that he thought that the logos on the columns were too much. The vertical building sign would be reverse lighted channel letters. The letters would be painted black, and would have individual white halos around them. The letters would be individually mounted. The leasing entrance would also have individually mounted, non-lighted, black letters mounted to the canopy above the entrance. There would be two signs that would flank the leasing entrance these are shown on page 6. The blade signs would not be lit. Wolfe asked if the signage fit within the Design Guidelines. Sims stated that he thought that it did. Wolfe stated that there was too much information that was missing from this packet.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to carry this case over pending more information.

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- V. **Name:** Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services)
Site Address: 3201 4th Avenue South
District: Lakeview



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Requesting approval for: Signage Master Plan

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his signage for the UAB Dewberry building. He stated that there would be two main signs on the west and south faces of the building. These signs would be raceway mounted channel letters. UAB Medicine will be the primary tenant of the building. He stated that there would also be a monument sign. He stated that a secondary tenant would have the opportunity for signage on the monument sign only. The raceway of the address letters will be on the west face of the building, would be painted to match the canopy, and would be internally lit. Wolfe asked if the monument sign would be internally lit. Mr. Brandt said yes.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to approve this proposal as presented.

Motion seconded by: Macknally

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VI.** **Name:** Mr. Sidney Aulds (Creature Architecture)
Site Address: 1630 2nd Avenue South (O'Neal's Honky Tonk)
District: Midtown/Parkside
Requesting approval for: Renovation

Statements: Mr. Aulds presented his plans for renovation and creation of O'Neal's Honky Tonk. He stated that he was seeking historic tax credits, and wanted to restore the building to its original state. Mr. Aulds stated that the front of the building would be painted white, like it was historically. Mauk asked if he was seeking approval for signage. Mr. Aulds said that signage and landscaping would return. Macknally asked if Mr. Aulds was seeking approval for the patio area as well. Mr. Aulds said he wanted approval for the patio, but not the streetscape. Mr. Gibson stated that he was seeking approval for the building only. Hoskins asked if the windows had been approved by the NPS. Mr. Gibson said yes. He stated that some of the windows would be restored in place, and others would be replaced completely. Mauk verified that only the previously painted brick would be painted.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to approve the windows, and the painting of the brick in agreement with the NPS. The landscaping, streetscape, canopy and signage need to return.

Motion seconded by: Macknally

Discussion: Mr. Gibson asked for a working session for the streetscape.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VII.** **Name:** Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services)
Site Address: 2117 2nd Avenue North



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District: 2nd Avenue North
Requesting approval for: Signage

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his plan for a projecting sign. He stated that it fits within the architectural style of the building. The sign will go between two vertical architectural pieces on the building. He stated that the sign would not be lit. He stated that the faces of the sign will be routed. He stated that the graphics of the sign would be white. He stated that the sign will be aluminum and the colors will match the existing colors on the building. Hoskins asked if there was a need for a ROW use agreement. Mr. Brandt and Sims said yes. Mr. Brandt stated that he was already working on that.

Motion: Hoskins made a motion to approve this sign on the condition that it has a ROW use agreement.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. **Name:** Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services)
Site Address: 1700-1732 5th Ave. N
District: Cultural
Requesting approval for: Master Signage Plan

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his signage master plan for the Birmingham Parking Authority Building. He stated that parking area would have the Parking Authority's standard signage. The main portion of the master plan would cover the south facing tenants on 5th Ave N. He stated that each tenant would be allowed to have raceway mounted channel letters above their storefront within the sign band, and vinyl graphics on their door. Mr. Brandt also presented the size standards for this building's signage. Macknally asked if any signs would be updated at this time. Mr. Brandt stated that no changes would be made at this time, and that they would only change as new tenants came in.

Motion: Macknally made a motion to approve this proposal as presented.

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried.

IX. **Name:** Mr. Sam Matthews (Studio 2H Design)
Site Address: 5620 1st Avenue North (East Terminus Station)
District: Woodlawn
Requesting approval for: ~~New Construction / Renovation~~



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Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- X.** **Name:** Mr. John Forney (Architect)
Site Address: 4245 5th Avenue South
District: Avondale Park (Local Historic District)
Requesting approval for: Rehabilitation and Rear Addition: Repair deteriorated wood to match, repair and replace windows to match, install new roof shingles, construct rear addition, and repaint.

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked LARGUE for her report from the Local Historic Advisory Committee. She stated the LHAC voted to approve this proposal as presented. The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve the design review request for the following reasons: Applicant's plan is in keeping with the architectural integrity of the neighborhood.

The Avondale Park AC also made the following Standard of Review Findings of Fact: (1) The proposed change conforms to the design standards established; (2) The proposed change is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value; (3) The proposed action will not detrimentally change, destroy, or adversely affect significant architectural features of the said property; and (4) The proposed change will be compatible with the exterior features of other improvements within the District.

Mr. Forney presented his plan to renovate and restore this home, and add a rear addition. He stated that the plan was to restore this building using materials to match the existing. He stated that the siding is wood lap siding, and the trim is wood trim, and he would be matching both for the renovation. Mr. Forney stated that the front porch had previously been enclosed, and he planned to reopen in. He stated that he would be restoring and rebuilding wood windows. Mr. Forney stated that the addition to the home would be built using matching materials and colors. Wolfe asked if the chimney would be painted. Mr. Forney stated that the LHAC approved either painting or mortar washing the chimney. Wolfe asked what the roofing material would be. Mr. Forney stated that he would use GAF Timberline shingles. Hoskins asked if the first floor was painted a different color than the second floor. Mr. Forney said no, but that there was a different siding used, so it might appear different.

Motion: Hoskins made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC.

Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.



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- XI. Name:** Mr. Joel Blackstock (Williams Blackstock Architects)
Site Address: 508 19TH Street Ensley (Ramsay McCormack)
District: Ensley
Requesting approval for: Demolition / New Construction

Statements: Mr. Blackstock presented his plan to demolish and rebuild the Ramsay McCormack building. He stated that the existing building is structurally unstable. He stated that some of the exterior design details would be reminiscent of the historic Ramsay McCormack building. It has a colonnaded base, height, narrow windows, and ornamentation at the top of the building. He stated that though he would be demolishing the building, he intended to salvage several materials from the existing materials, including some windows, limestone, granite, etc. He stated that two possible tenants would be a bank and coffee shop on the first floor, and office space on the upper floors. He stated that the base of the building would be brick, and the upper floors would be stucco. Wolfe asked about the timeline on this project. Mr. Blackstock said ASAP. Mauk verified that the applicant would return to DRC with his final design.

Motion: Hoskins made a motion to approve this proposal as presented.

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried. Macknally recused herself.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.