



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee Meeting Minutes September 9, 2020

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Members Present: Abra Barnes, Creig Hoskins, Richard Mauk, Sheila Montgomery-Mills, Willie Oliver, Ben Wieseman, Brian Wolfe

Members Absent: Scott Burnett, Ivan Holloway, Lea Ann Macknally, Chris Swain

Staff Present: Karla Calvert, Lauren Havard, Paige Lague, Tonte Peters, John Sims, Katrina Thomas

Others Present: David Brandt, Devin Ford, Lockwood Griffin, James Klopak, Gary Nash, Mark Ritter, Matt Shelby

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the 8/26/20 DRC minutes were ready. Hoskins made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Oliver seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- I.** ~~Name: Ms. Candice Watson (Signage Inc.)~~
~~Site Address: 2401 Crossplex Blvd. (3 Daughters Beauty Supply)~~
~~District: Five Points West~~
~~Requesting approval for: Signage (Illuminated Channel Letters on Front Façade)~~

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- II.** **Name:** Mr. Lockwood Griffin
Site Address: 2815 4th Avenue South
District: Lakeview
Requesting approval for: Demolition

Statements: Mr. Griffin presented his plan to demolish a dilapidated building. He stated that he intended to build a new building in its place. Mauk asked when the new building would be brought to the DRC. Mr. Griffin stated that it would be within the next two months. Hoskins asked what type of business would go back in this space. Mr. Griffin stated that it would be an auto body shop/collision center.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with the plans



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for the new building to return within the next two months.

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

III. Name: Mr. Patrick McGuire (Contractor, Steve McGuire Construction, Inc.)

Site Address: 928 Linwood Avenue

District: Forest Park (Local Historic District)

Requesting approval for: Demolition of existing garage structure. Construction of new storage/pavilion structure.

Statements: Mauk asked Largue for her report. Largue stated that the Forest Park LHAC voted to recommend approval of this proposal. The recommendation of the LHAC was based on the reason that the project is in keeping with the architectural integrity of the Forest Park neighborhood and historical neighborhood design review guidelines.

The Forest Park AC also made the following Standard of Review Findings of Fact: (1) The proposed change does conform 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. Klopak with McGuire Construction stated that he wanted to demolish an accessory building, which was built in the 70s, on the site, and build a new pavilion and outbuilding. From the front of the house, you will only be able to see the pavilion up the driveway, but they will build a fence in front of it. On the alley side, the fence would be extended to cover the new pavilion.

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

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Name: Mr. Patrick McGuire (Owner)

Site Address: 4323 6th Avenue South

District: Avondale Park (Local Historic District)

Requesting approval for: Remove vinyl siding and install shake composite siding.

Statements: Mauk asked Largue for her report. Largue stated that the Avondale Park



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LHAC voted to recommend approval of this proposal. The recommendation of the LHAC was based on the reason that the project is in keeping with the architectural integrity of the Forest Park neighborhood.

The Avondale Park AC also made the following Standard of Review Findings of Fact: (1) The proposed change does conform 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. Klopak with McGuire Construction stated that he wanted to remove the vinyl siding and replace it with cedar shake composite. Mauk asked what color it would be painted. Mr. Klopak stated that it would be "smoke," a light gray. Wieseman asked if the trim would remain the same color. Mr. Klopak said yes.

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

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

V. **Name:** Mr. Devin Ford and Mr. Mitch Hughes (Owners)

Site Address: 1321 30th North

District: Norwood (local Historic District)

Requesting approval for: Rehabilitation Related: Repair deteriorated materials, install new doors, install new windows, install new roof, construct rear deck, etc.

Statements: Mauk asked Largue for her report. Largue stated that the Norwood LHAC voted to recommend approval of this proposal. The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to approve the design review request for the following reasons:

“Page 13-Item E-Doors

Restoration of the original divided lite entry door is approved. Additional proposed doors, while not original to the house were determined to not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material and are comparable in width to the original window openings and will be allowed.

Page 15-Item I-Gutters and Downspouts

Applicant stated their intention to install 1/2 round gutters in the same color as the trim. 1/2 round gutters are approved.

Page 15-Item K-Materials

Proposed hardie siding is of comparable size and profile to the existing wood siding and



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is approved. Shingles for the upper portion in either natural cedar or hardie shingle is approved.

Page 16-Item I-Paint

Proposed paint colors are appropriate to the age and style of the home and are approved.

Page 17-Item N-Porches (primary)

Proposed replacement porch materials are approved.

Page 18-Item Q-Roofs

Proposed architectural shingles are approved.

Page 19-Item S-Storm Windows

Applicant stated the intention to possibly utilize storm windows only on the original windows that are able to be salvaged. Storm windows are approved, with the understanding that the metal finish will match the color of the window trim.

Page 19-Item T-Trim (decorative)

Committee approves the use of new trim to match existing where it cannot be repaired.

Page 19-Item U-Windows

Proposed windows are in keeping with the size and scale of the existing windows and of a material allowed within the Norwood Historic Preservation Plan.”

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was based on the following sections of the local historic district’s design guidelines:

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The Norwood AC also made the following Standard of Review Findings of Fact: (1) The proposed change does conform 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. Ford stated that he wanted to rehabilitate this two-story craftsman bungalow. He stated that it hadn’t been inhabited in 27 years, and that it has a lot of water damage and structural damage. Mr. Ford stated that he would be replacing all of the siding with hardie cedar mill, to look like siding. He stated that he planned to replace all the double-hung windows. He stated that the casement windows would be repaired. He stated that



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the two front windows would be replaced with French doors, with a matching transom to the existing door, and a matching light pattern. The original front door will be repaired and left in place. He stated that he would be reroofing the house with dimensional architectural shingles. He stated that he would install half-round gutters on the front porch and the main house roof. He stated that the front porch decking would need to be replaced. He stated that he would also be building a back stoop off the back door. He stated that all materials and details would match the existing, and the siding would be cedar. Wolfe asked if the cap on the front wall would be painted. Mr. Ford said no, that it would just be pressure washed and returned to its original state. Wolfe asked if the chimney cap would be terra cotta. Mr. Ford said yes.

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

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VI.** **Name:** Mr. Gary Nash (Studio 2H Design, LLC)
Site Address: 1631 4th Avenue North (AL Jazz Hall of Fame / Carver Theater)
District: 4th Avenue North
Requesting approval for: Signage / Final Site Plan

Statements: Sims stated that the signage had been previously approved by the DRC, but that Mr. Nash was presenting a change so that the marquee would be electronic. Mr. Nash presented his plan for approval of the operating guidelines for the digital boards of the marquee on the AL Jazz Hall of Fame. He also presented his final site plan details for the handicap ramp. Mauk asked Sims if this signage plan fit the Guidelines. Sims said yes. Mr. Nash stated that the proposal had gone through the right-of-way review process for the ramp, entrance stairs, and stoop.

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

Motion seconded by: Barnes

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried. Hoskins recused himself.

- VII.** **Name:** Mr. Matt Shelby (Orchestra Partners)
Site Address: 1006 20th Street South
District: Five Points South
Requesting approval for: Signage (Carried over from 8/24/20)

Statements: Mr. Shelby presented his permit drawings, more detailed drawings of the handrails on the rooftop, and more detail about the sign colors. Montgomery-Mills



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verified that the additional information had been submitted. Montgomery-Mills stated that the color of the sign would need to be on the plans that are submitted for permitting.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted.

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VIII.** **Name:** Mr. Matt Shelby (Orchestra Partners)
 Site Address: 3120 4th Avenue South
 District: Lakeview
 Requesting approval for: Signage / Awning

Statements: Mr. Shelby presented his plan for a new awning, paint, and signage. He requested to paint the brick on the building because of the mismatched colors on the brick. Mr. Shelby presented his paint color. He stated that it would be “bronze green,” and he presented the details for the steel awning. Wieseman asked if the signage met the Design Guidelines. Sims said yes. Montgomery-Mills verified that the color was designated on the permit plans. Wolfe asked if there was a landscaping plan. Mr. Shelby said yes, but that he didn’t include it in this presentation. Montgomery-Mills asked Mr. Shelby to bring the landscaping back before the DRC.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal subject to landscaping returning at a later date.

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- IX.** **Name:** Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services)
 Site Address: 9500 Parkway East (Aces Bar)
 District: Parkway East
 Requesting approval for: Signage

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his plan to add signage to the Aces Bar. He stated that there would be only one sign mounted to the sign band. The sign would be made of 1/2” plate aluminum letters mounted to the sign band, and would be centered on the existing light fixtures. Mauk asked if this signage was within the Design Guidelines. Sims said yes. Mauk asked what color this sign would be. Mr. Brandt stated that it was a gradient from burgundy to gold.

Motion: Montgomery-Mills made a motion to approve this proposal as presented.

Motion seconded by: Hoskins



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Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- X.** **Name:** Mr. Rob Walker (Rob Walker Architects, LLC)
 Site Address: 500 28th Street South (Trim Tab Brewery Expansion)
 District: Lakeview
 Requesting approval for: Renovation

Statements: The applicant was not present; therefore, the case was not heard.

- XI.** **Name:** Mr. Turner McLemore (Williams Blackstock Architects)
 Site Address: 2114 4th Avenue South
 District: Midtown
 Requesting approval for: Demolition

Statements: The applicant was not present; therefore, the case was not heard.

There being no further business, Wolfe made a motion to adjourn. Wieseman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.