



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee Meeting Minutes November 18, 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, Pamela Perry, Tonte Peters, John Sims

Others Present: Clark Bailey, Nita Bourne, David Brandt, Tammy Cohen, Justin Collier, Kyle D'Agostino, Erwin Franklin, Kathy Henderson, Paul Irwin, Paige Ishmael, Matt Phillips, Dean Robinson, Keith Rouss

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the 10/28/20 DRC minutes were ready. Wieseman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Macknally seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Name:** Justin Collier (Architect)
Site Address: 424 Exeter Drive
District: Roebuck Springs (Local Historic District)
Requesting approval for: New construction of residence

Statements: Mauk asked Largue for the report from the neighborhood. Largue stated that the Roebuck Springs Neighborhood Association approved the proposal. Mr. Collier presented his plan to build a new, modern home on a vacant lot, with a pool. He stated that in order to match the historic setbacks of the neighborhood, the home would be pushed to the back corner of the lot. Mr. Collier stated that the home will have a concrete driveway, and will use the existing curb cut. He stated that the roof would be an asymmetrical gable roof with dormer windows. The windows will be vinyl clad. The exterior siding will be hardie board and batten, and the roof will be metal. Mr. Collier also presented his color palette and materials board.

Motion: Macknally made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the Neighborhood Association.

Motion seconded by: Wieseman



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Discussion: Hoskins asked what type of siding would be used. Mr. Collier stated that it would be pre-finished acoya wood. Macknally asked what type of driveway he would use. He stated that it would be a concrete driveway.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- II. Name:** Ms. Kathy Henderson (Applicant's Representative)
Site Address: 830 Linwood Road
District: Forest Park (Local Historic District)
Requesting approval for: Installation of solar panels

Statements: Mauk asked Largue for the report from the LHAC. Largue stated that the recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve with Conditions the design review request for the following reasons:

The committee approved the upper roof panels on the two flat sections of the roof. The proposal for panels on the South sloping roof which can be seen from the street was not approved.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was based on the following sections of the local historic district's design guidelines: Items 3, 9 and M.

The Local Historic Advisory Committee also voted to request that the following conditions be placed upon this request:

The South side panels are not approved as currently submitted.

Regarding the roof panels on the two flat sections of the roof, the LHAC made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
2. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value.
3. The proposed erection, alteration, restoration, relocation or demolition, in whole or in part: Will not detrimentally change, destroy, or adversely affect any significant architectural feature of the resource.
4. The proposed erection, alteration, restoration, relocation or demolition, in whole or in part: Will be compatible with the exterior features of other improvements within the District.

Ms. Henderson presented her plan to place solar panels on the rooftop of her house. She stated that the panels wouldn't be visible from the front or the back of the house. She also stated that she agreed with the conditions set forth by the LHAC.

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



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agreement with the LHAC.

Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

III.

Name: Mr. Dean Robinson (Architect)

Site Address: 4441 Clairmont Avenue

District: Forest Park Local Historic District

Requesting approval for: Replacing two existing windows with three smaller size wood windows and fill in with bricks as required

Statements: Mauk asked Perry for her report from the LHAC. She stated that the Forest Park Local Historic Advisory Committee heard the DRC case for the property located at 4441 Clairmont Avenue, and the Committee approved the design review request for the following reasons:

Materials being used were in line with materials of the time, and mortar will be matched to existing. Changes didn't seem to be detrimental to the look of the exterior.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was based on the following sections of the local historic district's design guidelines: 9, D.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
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Mr. Robinson stated that he would be replacing two windows with three windows. He stated that the sleeping porch would be converted to a bathroom. The new bathroom windows would match the existing bathroom windows. Mauk verified that this home was a contributing structure. Mr. Robinson stated that the replaced windows would be on the front façade of the home. Perry stated that the LHAC acknowledged the change, but that the change wasn't a "detrimental change" and thus allowed it.



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Motion: Hoskins made a motion to approve this proposal, in agreement with the LHAC.
Motion seconded by: Wieseman
Discussion: none
Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Name: Mr. Paul Irwin (Irwin Brothers Remodeling)
Site Address: 4301 Glenwood Avenue
District: Forest Park Local Historic District
Requesting approval for: Replace damaged and rotten framing/trim as needed on porch, dormer and eaves; replace asphalt shingle roof and paint the exterior of the home

Statements: The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to approve the design review request for the following reasons:

The proposal is in keeping with the architectural integrity of the neighborhood.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
2. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value.
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Mr. Irwin presented his plan to repair/replace the roof and trim on a historic home. He also stated that he would be painting the home (except for the brick.) Mr. Irwin stated that there were four new historic colors that would be added to the house.

Motion: Macknally made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC.
Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills
Discussion: none
Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

V. Name: Mrs. Wyndi Avery (Fast Signs)
Site Address: 604 38th Street South
District: Avondale Park Local Historic District
Requesting approval for: V-shape post and panel frame sign to be placed over existing



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Statements: Chairman Mauk asked Wolfe to take over as Chair, as he had to recuse himself for this case.

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 LHAC also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
2. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Is compatible with the character of the historic property and the historic district and does not detract from their historic value.
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Ms. Nita Bourne presented her plan for a new sign for her company. She stated that she wanted to use the existing posts for the new sign. Macknally stated that the phone numbers would need to be removed from the sign. Ms. Bourne said she'd be happy to do so. Wieseman asked about the measurement from the bottom of the sign to the ground. Ms. Bourne stated that the sign was 2' off the ground.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal on the condition that the phone number is removed.

Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried, Mauk recused himself.

Mauk resumed his position as Chairman.

- VI.** ~~**Name:** Mr. Sidney Aulds (Creature Architecture)
Site Address: 2211 Morris Avenue (Mercantile on Morris)
District: Morris Avenue
Requesting approval for: Signage and Master Signage Plan~~

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.



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- VII.** **Name:** Ms. Tammy Cohen (CCR Architecture & Interiors)
Site Address: 1616 3rd Avenue North
District: 4th Avenue North
Requesting approval for: Renovation

Statements: Ms. Cohen presented her renovation plans. She stated that during demolition, she discovered a white, glazed brick that she wanted to maintain. She stated that the first floor storefront would go up to the lintel, and would be a wood storefront painted black. She stated that the upper windows would be restored to their original sizes, and would be black aluminum windows. She stated that some of the original building details had been previously removed, and would be replaced with a simple sign band.

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

Motion seconded by: Macknally

Discussion: Wieseman asked if the storefront was standard anodized aluminum. Ms. Cohen stated that the base was wood storefront, painted black. Hoskins asked if the building was one building or two. Ms. Cohen stated that there is a party wall down the middle, but they are owned by the same person. She stated that the barber shop would remain, but the rest of the building would be leased. She stated that she didn't have any signage to share at this time.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VIII.** **Name:** Mr. Erwin Franklin
Site Address: 1915 4th Avenue North (Gus's Hotdog)
District: 19th Street North
Requesting approval for: Signage (Last seen 10/28/20)

Statements: Mr. Franklin presented his plan for a new sign for Gus's Hotdogs. He stated that the sign would be red (RV-3001 Vivid Red) and white and would be spray painted, with "Gus's Hotdogs" and their logo. This sign would accompany the previously approved John Lewis mural.

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

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- IX.** **Name:** Mr. Mark Lindsay
Site Address: 2250 Bessemer Rd



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District: Five Points West

Requesting approval for: Demolition / Conceptual Design

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

- X. Name:** Mr. Kyle D'Agostino (Poole & Company Architects)
Site Address: Between 14th & 12th Streets South & 1st & 2nd Avenues South (Urban Supply District)
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Design approval Streetscape (Last seen 10/28/20)

Statements: Mr. D'Agostino presented his plan for a new Urban Supply District. Mr. Bailey presented existing site conditions. He went on to show how the roads would be altered (restriped and painted) to make them more pedestrian and bike-friendly. He stated that he would use a 5' painted strip with planters and parallel parking to protect the multi-use path from traffic. Mr. Bailey stated that he was going to follow the Parkside Guidelines for the landscaping and plant choices. Mr. Bailey stated that there would be all new hardscape and site lighting in all the main areas of the Urban Supply District. Mr. Bailey also presented his site furnishings. Macknally asked what Mr. Bailey planned to do about the maintenance of the site. He stated that the site would be maintained by the owner for the first year while the plants were getting established, and then after the first year, they should be self-sufficient. He also stated that he planned to use the site lighting and site furnishings as specified in the Parkside Guidelines. Macknally thanked Mr. Bailey for addressing all of the Committee's concerns.

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

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- XI. Name:** Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services)
Site Address: 1600 3rd Avenue South (Red Mountain Theater)
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Signage

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his signage package for the Red Mountain Theatre Company. He stated that most of the signs would be painted on the building, and there will be two signs that will be internally lit channel letters. He stated that there would be two 5' diameter logos painted on the building as well. Mr. Brandt stated that all of the words painted on the building would be the same size, and the letters would be 2.5' tall. Mr. Brandt stated that there would also be space for interchangeable vinyl banners to showcase upcoming shows and other events. Wolfe asked what would happen if there



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weren't any upcoming shows. Mr. Brandt stated that there would be a generic Red Mountain Theatre sign, but he didn't anticipate there being any vacancy. Wolfe stated that there needed to be a set of "rules" around the vinyl banners. Wolfe stated that the banner guidelines would need to return to the Committee.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to approve the signage as presented, with the guidelines around the vinyl banners to return.

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried.

XII.

Name: Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services)

Site Address: 1001 20th Street South (Ascend)

District: Five Points South

Requesting approval for: Temporary Signage (Last seen May 27, 2020)

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his plan for temporary (90 days) window graphics at the corner of 10th Avenue and 20th Street South. He stated that the graphics would be translucent and would be 4' wide, wrapping the corner. He also stated that there would be no phone numbers on the signage. He stated that the graphics would be high-resolution, and would stay up until the building is fully leased.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve as submitted.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: Wolfe stated that Mr. Brandt would need to return for approval again after 90 days.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.