



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee Meeting Minutes April 14, 2021

Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Webex Video & Teleconference

Applicants please note: The decisions of the Design Review Committee (the Committee) are binding. It is each applicant's responsibility to see that the decisions of the Committee are carried out as stipulated. Any changes or deviations from the Committee's decision, including but not limited to: colors, forms, configurations, materials, assemblies or any other aspects of the approved work shall not be undertaken by the applicant or the applicant's agent unless said changes are approved by the Committee beforehand. Under the terms of City ordinance, any change or deviation from work approved by the Committee constitutes a violation of the ordinance and renders the applicant subject to citation with penalties as prescribed by a city magistrate.

Members Present: Ivan Holloway, Creig Hoskins, Richard Mauk, Chris Swain, Ben Wieseman, Brian Wolfe

Members Absent: Abra Barnes, Scott Burnett, Lea Ann Macknally, Sheila Montgomery-Mills, Willie Oliver

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

Others Present: Josh Adams, Greg Allen, Faith Baumann, Lois Brown, Kyle D'Agostino, Paul DiGiorgio, Lockwood Griffin, Don Hawes, Nico Marin, Patrick McGuire, Paul Roderick, Hanno van der Bijl

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the minutes from the 2/24/2021 and 3/24/21 meetings were ready. Wieseman made a motion to approve the minutes. Swain seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Name:** Ms. Candice Watson
Site Address: 1625 1st Avenue North
District: Downtown West
Requesting approval for: Signage

Statements: Mr. Hawes presented his plan to add an exterior sign at a new business called OniSalon. He stated that the sign would not be illuminated and the letters would be PVC flat-cut, and would be individually stud-mounted. Mauk asked if the sign met the Guidelines. Sims said yes. Wieseman stated that a master sign plan was needed for this building. Sims stated that the other side of the building would not be leased. Wieseman stated that the master signage plan was still needed.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to table this case until a master signage plan is submitted.



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Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

II.

Name: Mr. Paul DiGiorgio

Site Address: 230 31st Street South (Old Russell Speed Shop)

District: Lakeview

Requesting approval for: Renovation (Final)

Statements: Mr. DiGiorgio presented his plan to renovate a building in Lakeview. He stated that the building form would remain the same. He stated that the two-story portion of the building was not stable and needed to be replaced, so it would be demolished and rebuilt in the same shape. He stated that they hoped to have three tenants in the building; one restaurant on the corner, and two office spaces to the left. He stated that the renovation would mostly be an exterior renovation, and white boxing the interior. He stated that the CMU all the way around the building would be painted a shade of black. He stated that the trim and accents would be painted white. He stated that they would also be adding a porch with outdoor seating. Mr. DiGiorgio stated that signage would be submitted at a later date. Mauk verified that the applicant was asking for a demolition permit for the corner of the building. Mr. DiGiorgio said yes, but he will build back a similar structure. Wieseman asked Mr. DiGiorgio to think through the master signage plan before the next meeting. Because of the canopy, there were few spaces to put signage for the new tenants. Wieseman stated that the landscaping plan looked appropriate. Wieseman also asked if they would be planting any street trees along 3rd Avenue. The applicant stated that there weren't any trees planned at this time. Wieseman suggested that Mr. DiGiorgio check with City staff on street tree requirements for this area.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, on the condition that the applicant work with staff to add street trees.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

III.

Name: Mr. Patrick McGuire (McGuire Construction Company, Inc.)

Site Address: 1039 42nd Street South

District: Forest Park (Local Historic District)

Requesting approval for: Proposal to paint and replace the window sashes with new divided light wood window sashes to match



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On April 6, 2021, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Forest Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for -the property located at 1039 42nd Street South, and the Committee took the following action: Approve with Conditions

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to **Approve with Conditions** the design review request for the following reasons: Approved as presented with the condition that 5/8" wide putty glaze (style, not actual) muntins be substituted for flat muntins. 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.
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.

Mr. McGuire stated that he would be replacing the windows and sashes on this home. He stated that all the window trim would be staying in place. They would be painted to match.

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

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- IV. Name:** Mr. L. Paul Roderick (Adams Design Associates)
Site Address: 1634 15th Avenue South
District: Anderson Place (Local Historic District)
Requesting approval for: New home construction



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Statements: Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Perry stated that the proposal was approved as presented by the LHAC.

On April 8th, 2021, the Five Points South Neighborhood Association reviewed the plans for the property located at 1634 15th Avenue South and the following action was taken: Approve.

The recommendation of the Neighborhood Association was to support the design review request for the following reasons: Comps and plan presented fit the District.

The Neighborhood Association also made the following findings:

1. The proposed change, erection, or demolition: Conforms to the design standards established.
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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.

Mr. Roderick presented his plan to build a 1,500 square foot house on an existing vacant lot. He stated that the house would match the style, scale and size of the rest of the adjacent houses. He stated that he would be using brick (foundation), hardie board and batten siding (yellow/gold), lap siding (brown), and the trim will be white. He stated that he would be using aluminum clad wood windows with simulated divided lights. He also stated that he would be installing a picket fence. Mr. Roderick stated that the fence would be 4' tall and would be black. Mauk asked where the fence would be located. Mr. Roderick stated that it would go on the front and side of the house, along 15th Avenue and 17th Street.

Motion: Swain 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.

V. Name: Ms. Lois B. Brown (Owner)



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Site Address: 3001 15th Avenue North

District: Norwood (Local Historic District)

Requesting approval for: Opening enclosed porch; repairing damaged porch, repairing and painting exterior and existing painted brick; new siding, chimney repair; replacing roof; window replacement.

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Perry stated that the proposal was approved on condition by the LHAC. Perry also stated that the home is contributing to the historic district.

On April 5, 2021, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Norwood Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 3001 15th Ave. N, and the Committee took the following action: Approve with Conditions

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve with Conditions the design review request for the following reasons:

Page 12-Item B-Chimneys

Repair to chimneys shall be with matching material. Use matching brick and mortar when repairing and maintaining chimneys.

The size and profile of gutters and downspouts shall be appropriate to the house. Gutters and downspouts shall be painted to blend with other trim on the building.

Page 15-Item K-Material

Alternative materials shall not be used unless materials visually replicate the original exterior in appearance.

Page 16-Item L-Paint

Colors shall be compatible with the age and style of the house. Previously unpainted brick shall not be painted ...

Page 17-Porches (primary)

Maintain the historic design and character of porch structures. Porch elements shall be repaired where needed. If replacement is necessary, it shall be with matching wood pieces or other matching materials.

Page 18-Item O-Roofs

When replacement of the existing roof materials is necessary due to deterioration. Roof materials ...shall be historically accurate or shall appear to be historically accurate based on the original materials ...



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Architectural asphalt shingles are an approved appropriate roof material.

Page 19-Item T-Trim (decorative)

Any elements of the trim which become deteriorated shall be repaired or replaced with new pieces that match the original design and proportions.

Page 19-Item U-Windows

Repair windows in accordance with the original window design.

...where window replacement is unavoidable because of deterioration new frame units are to match the original window in terms of material, style, light pattern, construction, and proportions.

...metal clad wood windows (with true divided lights or simulated divided lights if historically accurate) are acceptable.

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

Page 12-Item B-Chimneys

Page 15-Item I-Gutters and Downspouts

Page 15-Item K-Materials

Page 16-Item L-Paint

Page 17-Porches (primary)

Page 18-Item Q-Roofs

Page 19-Item T-Trim {decorative}

Page 19-Item U-Windows

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

1. Reconstructed wall adjacent to front porch should be rebuilt in the original configuration; closet bump out would not be visually commensurate with the original building.
2. Hardie siding should match what is shown in the historic photo, with hardie shingle on the front and back of the upper gable walls.
3. New trim shall match original as shown in historic photo in size and scale.
4. Previously unpainted brick should remain unpainted; any previously painted brick can



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be painted again.

The LHAC also made the following findings:

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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. Brown stated that she would be using the historic picture as inspiration for her new porch. She stated that she would be replacing a lot of rotten wood to return the home to its original state. Ms. Brown stated that she would be using aluminum clad wood windows. Wolfe asked if there was a landscaping plan. Ms. Brown said not at this time, but she would return with one.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC, with the landscaping to be approved by staff.

Motion seconded by: Swain

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Name: Mr. Lockwood Griffin

Site Address: 2815 4th Avenue South

District: Lakeview

Requesting approval for: New Construction Conceptual (Last seen 9/9/20)

Statements: Mr. Griffin presented his plan to construct a new steel building for a body shop. He stated that he submitted two options, one with a metal façade, and one with a painted brick façade. Mr. Griffin stated that signage and landscaping would return. Wolfe asked which façade the applicant preferred. Mr. Griffin stated that he would prefer the metal siding as it would cost less. Sims stated that the metal building would be allowed in this district, if the front façade had a different covering. The sides could be metal, as seen in other adjacent buildings. Wieseman stated that it would be appropriate to match the surrounding buildings and that there were several masonry buildings in the



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area, so the brick façade would be more appropriate.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve the brick front façade with colors as shown, with signage to return.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VII.** ~~**Name:** Mr. Mark Goodwin~~
~~**Site Address:** 401 19th Street North~~
~~**District:** 19th Street North~~
~~**Requesting approval for:** Mural~~

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- VIII.** **Name:** Mr. Kyle D 'Agostino
Site Address: 2121 Reverend Abraham Woods Jr. Boulevard
District: Cultural
Requesting approval for: Façade Upgrades / Signage

Statements: Mr. D 'Agostino stated that the 2121 building will be repainted, and new signage will be added. He stated that three shades of gray will be used, with the darkest gray at the base of the building. He stated that the medium gray would be used on the tower and the lightest gray would be used on the column covers. He stated that the new signage would be lit, and would replace the painted signs. He also stated that new LED colored building lighting would be added. New downlights in the soffit of the base will also be added. He added that the signage would not change color, only the lights. Wieseman verified that there would not be any new pedestrian signage.

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

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- IX.** **Name:** Mr. Greg Allen
Site Address: 2025 3rd Avenue South
District: 21st Street
Requesting approval for: Signage (Last seen 8/22/2012)

Statements: Mr. Allen presented his plan to re-cover the existing awnings at the bank



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building, with the new bank name. He stated that the awnings would remain the same color. Mauk asked if the new signage would be within the Guidelines. Sims said yes. Mauk asked if a master signage plan was needed. Sims said no.

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

Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.