



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021

Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Birmingham City Hall, 3rd Floor Council Chamber

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. In addition, please note that prior to obtaining any permit(s), all applicants must meet with Zoning staff to determine compliance with the Zoning regulations. Design Review approval does NOT mean that Zoning has approved the request.

Members Present: Abra Barnes, Scott Burnett, Creig Hoskins, Richard Mauk, Ben Wieseman, Brian Wolfe

Members Absent: Ivan Holloway, Lea Ann Macknally, Shelia Montgomery-Mills, Willie Oliver, Chris Swain

Staff Present: Karla Calvert, Pamela Perry, John Sims

Others Present: David Brandt, Tammy Cohen, Katherine Mason, Abraham Odrezin, Dick Pigford, Michael Shows

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Co-Chairperson Wolfe. He stated that the minutes from the 8/11/2021 meeting were ready. Wieseman made a motion to approve the minutes. Hoskins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Name: Mr. Michael Shows

Site Address: 200 28th Street South (Luca Italian Restaurant)

District: Lakeview

Requesting approval for: Exterior renovation for a restaurant including outdoor dining

Statements: Mr. Shows presented his plan to renovate an existing building into an Italian restaurant. He stated that he wanted to paint the single story brick building, but not the two-story building. He also wanted approval for the landscaping and the signage. Wolfe verified that the fencing would not change. Mr. Shows also stated that he was seeking a variance for the dumpster enclosure due to the constraints of the site. Mr. Shows also stated that there would be a couple of signs attached to the buildings, and a couple of signs painted on the building. Wolfe asked what the material of the



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dumpster enclosure would be. Mr. Shows stated that it would be brick. Hoskins asked what color the brick would be painted. Mr. Shows stated that it will be a cream color.

Mr. Odrezin stated that the courtyard area would have a new entryway, but the interior of the courtyard would be laid out in a way so as to take advantage of the current hardscape layout. Wieseman stated that the landscaping and hardscape were appropriate and looked good to him.

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

Motion seconded by: Burnett

Discussion: Wolfe stated that the Committee was allowing the painting of the brick because there was some existing CMU left on the façade of the building.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

II. Name: Mr. David Brandt

Site Address: 2808 7th Avenue South (Rise Apartments)

District: Lakeview

Requesting approval for: Signage

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his plan to update the signage master plan for the 29 7 building. He stated that the building doesn't have any branding yet. He stated that it would become the Rise building, housing the Rise Apartments. He stated that there will be two building signs, one on the east and one on the west. Burnett asked if Mr. Brandt was simply amending the signage master plan to include the two new signs. Mr. Brandt said yes. Burnett asked if the new signs fit within the Guidelines. Sims said yes.

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

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

III. Name: Mr. Barry Hardwell (Hardwell Renovation & Restoration, LLC)

Site Address: 4309 5th Avenue South

District: Avondale Park Local Historic District

Requesting approval for: Demolishing an addition on the rear of the house and replacing it with a deck; replacing damaged wood siding with same to match; replacing all windows in the home; removing the side door and enclosing it with siding and painting

Statements: Co-Chairperson Wolfe asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Perry



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stated that this project was approved with conditions.

On August 19 2021, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Avondale Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 4309 5th Av. S., 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:

See below. Applicant agreed to the conditions listed during local review.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was based on the following sections of the local historic district's design guidelines: 1- 4.

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

Replace front windows with 9-over-1 aluminum clad wooden windows. Adobe color Siding and trim to painted white (color match that applicant presented). Window sashes on side and rear windows to be painted Adobe (paint match of new window installs on front of house). Cap blocks on front porch railing, columns and steps to be painted 50% pigment of Adobe paint color. Ceiling fan without light kit to be installed on ceiling of front porch and scone lighting to be installed on wall of front porch.

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.

Ms. Mason presented her plan to renovate a home and to convert it from a duplex back to a single family home. She stated that she would be replacing all the windows in the home except for the transom. She also stated that she would be painting the home.



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Wolfe asked if she had a physical paint swatch, and she said yes. She stated that she would be removing the side door and putting siding over it. She also stated that she would be removing the small addition at the rear of the home and replacing it with a deck.

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

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

IV.

Name: Ms. Tammy Cohen

Site Address: 209 20th Street South (20 Midtown)

District: Midtown

Requesting approval for: Material change (last seen 6/14/2017)

Statements: Ms. Cohen stated that since the project was previously approved, the project has changed to include the addition of 18 new units. These new units will be directly above the first floor retail spaces. She stated that the units will all be along 3rd Ave S. She stated that instead of the previously approved EIFS, the walls will now be clear anodized storefront. Wolfe asked if the units would have balconies. Ms. Cohen said no.

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

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried, Burnett recused himself.

V.

Name: Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services)

Site Address: 701 25th Street North (Jones Valley Teaching Farm)

District: Cultural District

Requesting approval for: Signage (last seen 8/11/21)

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his amended plan for signage for the Jones Valley Teaching Farm. He stated that he took the feedback from the Committee, and added cypress wood to the main site signs, so that they would coordinate with the architecture on the site. He also stated that he reduced the size of the sign at the SW corner, per the Committee's feedback. Mr. Pigford asked that the sign at the parking lot remain larger, so that the driveway would remain visible. Burnett asked how tall the signs would be.



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Mr. Pigford stated that two of the signs would be 90” tall and the third on the SW corner would be 48” tall. Mr. Brandt stated that the directional arrow on the parking lot sign would be removed. Burnett asked how thick the cypress frame would be on each sign. Mr. Pigford stated that it would be 3” thick.

Motion: Barnes made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, on the condition that an updated project packet with details be submitted to City Staff.

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Burnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hoskins seconded. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.