



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee
Summary of Meeting
February 24, 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: Scott Burnett, Creig Hoskins, Richard Mauk, Ben Wieseman, Brian Wolfe

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

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

Others Present: Laura Bartlett, Vadim Belous, Jeff Belyea, Stephanie Britton, Mike Carpenter, Zach Feldman, Eddie Griffith, Charles Jordan, Katie Kimbrell, Chris Manes, Sam Matthews, Brandon Music, Keith Rouss, Taylor Schmidt, Jeana Stright, Hanno van der Bijl, Traci Williams

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

- I. Name:** Mr. Mike Benton (Owner)
Site Address: 525 47th Street South
District: Avondale Park (Local Historic District)
Requesting approval for: New construction of residence

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- II. Name:** Ms. Laura Bartlett (Architect)
Site Address: 2640 Crest Road
District: Red Mountain Suburbs (Local Historic District)
Requesting approval for: Demolition of existing carport and construction of new carport

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Perry stated



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that the proposal was approved as presented by the LHAC.

On 2/18/2021, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Redmont Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 2640 Crest Road, and the Committee took the following action:

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

The proposed addition is compatible with the character of the property.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was based on the following sections (cite the applicable section numbers) of the local historic district's design guidelines: 111.8 111.9. 111.10

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. Bartlett stated that the DRC already approved the home renovation, and that she was returning for approval of the existing carport, which she wants to remove and replace with a double gable roof carport. Ms. Bartlett stated that the roof would only be seen from the alley, and would be a cedar shake roof. She also presented her colors. She stated that they would match the existing house.

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

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried.

- III. Name:** Ms. Laura Crowe
Site Address: 1021 30th Street South



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District: Highland Park (Local Historic District)

Requesting approval for: Replacing siding on the right side and the back side of the house; replacing the sashes in the windows on the right side; and repairing patches in the roof

Statements: Ms. Perry stated that this proposal was approved as presented.

On February 18th, 2021, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the

Highland Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 1021 30th Street S, and the Committee took the following action:

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

The look and character of the new siding and windows are being replicated in like materials (wood) to match the existing style of this historic contributing property. The roofing shingles and exterior color palette are also being matched to the existing structure.

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

Section A, Exterior Siding (Page 10). "When replacement is necessary due to extreme damage or deterioration, materials matching the appearance of the original should be used"

Section D, Windows (Page 10). "new units shall match the originals as closely as possible in appearance"

Section J, Paint (Page 11). "Paint color shall be compatible with the age and style of the house"

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.
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part: Will be compatible with the exterior features of other improvements within the District.

Mr. Music stated that the house next door caught fire, and this renovation was simply repair work from that damage. She stated that the sashes and siding would be replaced because they have lead paint. He stated that they would be replacing the materials with like, kind and quality. Wolfe asked if the whole roof would be replaced. Mr. Music said no, that only the affected shingles would be replaced.

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

Motion seconded by: Burnett

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- IV. Name:** Mr. Mike Carpenter
Site Address: 1520 7th Avenue N
District: Downtown Northeast
Requesting approval for: Conceptual Design

Statements: Mr. Carpenter presented his plan to renovate an existing building on 7th Ave N. He stated that he wanted to paint the building and restore the building. Mr. Carpenter stated that he wanted to repoint, paint, and add new windows and new doors. Wolfe asked if the windows would be steel framed. Mr. Carpenter stated that they would be aluminum framed. Wolfe asked if Mr. Carpenter would be improving the ROW. Mr. Carpenter stated that they probably would.

Motion: Burnett made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, on the condition that the Committee revisit and review additional documentation regarding the painting of the brick.

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: Burnett stated that Mr. Carpenter would need to present more evidence that the brick was in poor condition and needed to be painted and repaired.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- V. Name:** Mr. Jeff Belyea, PE (Land Development)
Site Address: 1201 3rd Avenue South (The Marshall)
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Revision Streetscape (Last seen 1/13/2021)

Statements: Mr. Manes presented his case for revising the streetscape at his



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development. He stated that he wanted to remove most of the brick from the streetscape. Mr. Manes presented his plan to keep the brick on the side of the building facing 13th Street where the building faces the Parkside District. Wolfe verified that the extents of the Parkside District would be extended to the interstate. Wolfe asked why this change was needed. Mr. Belyea stated that it was a cost issue.

Motion: Hoskins made a motion to deny this request as presented, since the applicant had already agreed to follow the Parkside Guidelines and since the Parkside District boundaries would be extended to encompass this block in the near future.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: Mr. Belyea asked if there was a compromise that could be reached. Wolfe stated that the Committee was unlikely to compromise since the applicant had previously already agreed to the Parkside Guidelines and since the Parkside District boundaries will be expanded in the near future to encompass this block.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VI. Name:** Ms. Stephanie Clements Britton
Site Address: 416 28th Street South
District: Lakeview
Requesting approval for: Conceptual

Statements: Mr. Britton stated that the main focus of the renovations was along 27th Street South. She stated that the angled spaces were changed to parallel spaces. She stated that additional landscaping was added, and the sidewalk was widened as well. Wolfe asked about the determination of the working session. Burnett stated that sufficient support for the demolition of the building was presented via structural reports, and that the Committee was satisfied with the decision to demolish the building.

Motion: Hoskins made a motion to approve this conceptual design for this project, as supported by the structural report.

Motion seconded by: Burnett

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VII. Name:** Mr. Taylor Schmidt (Barge Design)
Site Address: Roadway & Transit Stations (Multiple Locations)
District: Multiple
Requesting approval for: BRT Stops

Statements: Sims presented the BRT stops that fell within the Design Review districts.



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He showed the locations of each station, and showed renderings of how these stations fit into their specific locations.

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

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried. Hoskins recused himself.

VIII.

Name: Mr. Sam Matthews (Studio 2H Design)

Site Address: 5623/5619/5613/ 5601 1st Avenue North (BJCTA- East Transit Center)

District: Woodlawn

Requesting approval for: Renovation

Statements: Mr. Matthews presented additional information on the new plaza and traffic flow/curb line. He also stated that revisions were made to make the site more accessible and pedestrian friendly. He also stated that there were some revisions made to enhance the connectivity of the site. Mr. Matthews stated that he was asking for landscaping approval, but that signage would return. Wieseman asked if more hardscape could be added at the corners for a more comfortable landing from the ramps/crosswalks.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, on the condition that the applicant add hardscape at the corners of 1st and 56th and 1st and 57th, as discussed.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried. Hoskins recused himself.

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