



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2022

Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

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, Ivan Holloway, Creig Hoskins, Lea Ann Macknally, Richard Mauk, Ben Wieseman, Brian Wolfe

Members Absent: Scott Burnett, Shelia Montgomery-Mills, Willie Oliver, Chris Swain

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

Others Present: David Brandt, Scott Phillips, Melinda Sellers

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the minutes from the 1/12/22 meeting were ready. Macknally made a motion to approve the minutes. Hoskins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Name:** Mr. Jeff Moore
Site Address: 2701 7th Avenue South
District: Lakeview
Requesting approval for: Renovation (Last seen 10/13/21)

Statements: Sims stated that Mr. Moore wanted to change the color of the awnings and the roll-up doors on the building. He stated that the applicant wanted the awnings to be black. Sims stated the other exterior changes had been previously approved. Mauk asked if the ROW would be addressed. Sims said no.

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

Motion seconded by: Hoskins



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Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried

II. Name: Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services, Inc.)

Site Address: 1143 1st Avenue South

District: Midtown

Requesting approval for: Revised Master Signage Plan (Carried over from 1/12/22)

Statements: Wolfe stated that he was concerned about clutter on the face of the building, but after doing a site visit, he stated that the new sign was offset and was reasonable for the face of the building. Mr. Brandt stated that the “Denham” and “Luckie” signs would not be seen at the same time. Wolfe stated that the new “Luckie” sign would be smaller than previously submitted. Mr. Brandt stated that the “Luckie” sign wasn’t in competition with the “Denham” sign. He stated that he would reduce the size of the “Luckie” sign. He stated that the “Luckie” sign would be no wider than the width of the window underneath it. Wieseman asked if the client had asked for any additional signage. Mr. Brandt said no. Macknally asked if the sign hierarchy made sense. Wolfe said yes.

Motion: Wieseman made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, on the condition that the new “Luckie” sign is no wider than the window below it.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: Hoskins verified the size of the new “Luckie” size.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

III. Name: Mr. Mark Martin (Contractor)

Site Address: 1222 29th Street North

District: Norwood Local Historic District

Requesting approval for: ~~Replacing and repairing windows; replacing siding over the entire home; adding rear dormers for the bedrooms; replacing roof and painting the exterior~~

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

IV. Name: Mr. Jeremy & Jeremiah Corkern (Contractor)

Site Address: 3835 Redmont Road

District: Red Mountain Suburb Local Historic District

Requesting approval for: ~~New single family home construction~~



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Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- V. **Name:** Ms. Melinda Sellers
Site Address: 1700 2nd Avenue South
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Parking lot (Carried over from 10/27/21)

Statements: Ms. Sellers presented her project to build a new parking lot at the corner of 17th Street and 2nd Avenue South. She stated that this lot was currently a dirt lot, which would be used for paid parking. She stated that she wanted to put down asphalt and stripe the parking lot, but not improve the ROW at all. She stated that the owner hoped to sell this lot within 1-3 years. She also stated that she planned to add landscaping at the corners of the parking lot, but not change the ROW. Hoskins asked if people were currently paying to park in this lot. Ms. Sellers said yes. Macknally stated that she was open to this proposal, as long as this parking lot was going to be temporary. Macknally asked if Ms. Sellers could put a time frame on the length of time that this site would remain a parking lot. Ms. Sellers said yes. Hoskins asked if the temporary lot could be gravel, to make it seem less permanent. Wieseman said that he disagreed with this proposal because it does not add to the ROW improvements. Wolfe stated that he would be more open to this suggestion if the parking lot was gravel. Macknally stated that a landscape buffer would be necessary. Wieseman stated that the entrance to the parking lot would need to come off the alley. Wieseman stated that if this parking lot will be a temporary use, then it needs to look like a temporary use. Wolfe stated that the lot needed to be gravel, needed to have landscaping, and needed to have a finite timeline for the future use. Wieseman stated that a fence wasn't necessary for this lot. Macknally stated that signage would be needed since this will be a paid lot. Ms. Sellers asked if the applicant could use asphalt. Wieseman stated that asphalt would trigger more issues for the site (including stormwater runoff, *etc.*), and gravel would be more temporary. Sims stated that the parking lot entrance would need to come off of the alley.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to carry this case over pending more information.

Motion seconded by: Macknally

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VI. **Name:** Mr. Scott Phillips, Architect
Site Address: 430 41st Street South
District: 41st Street
Requesting approval for: Aluminum Canopy



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Statements: Mr. Phillips presented his plan for conceptual approval of a new canopy on the Saturn/Satellite building. He stated that the new canopy would have an aluminum frame and would wrap around the front of the building. He stated that the new structure would be using an updated ROW use agreement. Mauk asked how far the canopy would extend over the sidewalk. Mr. Phillips stated that it would extend 7'. Hoskins asked if the sidewalk would be widened. Mr. Phillips said he wouldn't be doing that work. Macknally stated that this site would be part of a larger ALDOT project to widen the sidewalks. Mr. Phillips stated that the existing sign would also need to be moved to align with the top of the window, to make room for the canopy.

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

Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Wolfe made a motion to adjourn. Macknally seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.