



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 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: Scott Burnett, Creig Hoskins, Richard Mauk, Shelia Montgomery-Mills, Ben Wieseman, Brian Wolfe

Members Absent: Abra Barnes, Ivan Holloway, Lea Ann Macknally, Willie Oliver, Chris Swain

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

Others Present: Jason Allday, Robert Bruner, Callan Childs, Alicia Hiden, Kyle Hulsey, Joseph Montgomery, Roderick Smith, Troy Whetstone

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the minutes were not ready at this time.

- I. Name:** Mr. Andrew Phillip
Site Address: 410 14th Street South
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Conceptual Approval

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- II. Name:** Mr. Troy Whetstone
Site Address: 703 19th Street
District: Ensley
Requesting approval for: Renovations; Signage



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Statements: The applicant presented his plan to renovate a building in downtown Ensley. He stated that he wanted to renovate the building and create office space. He stated that he wanted to paint the brick a dark gray to create a more cohesive look since the existing brick is damaged and has different colors. He stated that his colors would be Poppyseed and Dark Secret. He presented his signage, windows, exterior doors and exterior lanterns. Burnett asked if the brickwork on the alley side of the building could remain. Mr. Whetstone said yes. Montgomery-Mills asked if the front windows would stay the same size and shape. Mr. Whetstone said yes.

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

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: Wieseman stated that the DRC was approving the painting of the brick because of the condition of the brick.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

III.

Name: Ms. Alicia Hiden (Service Manager)

Site Address: 3807 Clairmont Avenue South

District: Forest Park Local Historic District

Requesting approval for: The removal of old and damaged rotted wood panels and replace with new wood placed insets; Painting the inset with the same color of building

Statements: Mauk asked Perry if there was a report from the LHAC. Perry stated that this project was approved with conditions by the Forest Park LHAC.

On 3/2/2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Forest Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 3807 Clairmont Avenue, 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:

Renovations are in keeping with [the] historical nature of neighborhood, and propose to rehabilitate current storefront.

Project is in keeping with the architectural integrity of the Forest Park neighborhood and historical neighborhood design review guidelines.

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

Approve plans as presented, with the condition that the horizontal center band be removed from the wood panel inset (to help the panels read vertically instead of



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horizontally), shift the placement of the vertical trim to carry the line of the door frame, and paint a darker color that is in contrast with the uniform gray color on brick exterior.

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. Hiden presented her proposal to replace the wood in the transom. She stated that there used to be an awning in this space. She stated that there were no existing transom windows or frames. She stated that the new wood would be inset, and would be painted a darker color to contrast with the color of the existing building. Wieseman asked if the applicant would follow the conditions of the LHAC. Ms. Hiden said yes.

Motion: Wieseman 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. Roderick Smith (Contractor)

Site Address: 2735 17th Avenue North

District: Norwood Local Historic District

Requesting approval for: Painting exterior of home and retaining wall; removing porch windows that are not original to home; cutting down a tree that is encroaching on the property's rear

Statements: Mauk asked Perry if there was a report from the LHAC. Perry stated that this project was approved with conditions by the Norwood LHAC.

On February 28, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Norwood Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 2735



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17th 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 16-Item L-Paint

"Colors shall be compatible with the age and style of the house.

Previously unpainted stone shall never be painted.

Previously painted brick and tone may be repainted. "

Page 17-Item N-Porches (primary)

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

Enclosing a porch with glass or screening is discouraged. Screening or glass shall not cover or obscure original elements such as balusters and columns."

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

Page 16-Item L-Paint

Page 17-Item N-Porches (primary)

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

The committee understands that prior to the applicant purchasing the home a portion of the exterior was previously painted. Therefore, under this particular circumstance, although painting exterior stone does not conform to the guidelines we feel that the best solution for this home is to complete the exterior paint. Applicant shall use a paint that is made specifically for painting of masonry.

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



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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. Smith presented his plan to renovate a home in Norwood. He stated he wanted to paint the house, and remove the windows on the porch. Mauk asked what color the house would be painted. Mr. Smith stated that it would be "Oyster Bar." Hoskins verified that the house was made of stone. Mr. Smith stated that the trim would be painted "Urban Bronze."

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

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: Montgomery-Mills verified that the addition work on the house is documented.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

V. **Name:** Mr. Phillip Price (AnSCO & Associates, LLC)

Site Address: Various

District: Cultural

Requesting approval for: New Small Cell Poles

Statements: Mr. Price stated that he would be installing small cell poles throughout Birmingham for the World Games. He stated that the poles would match the aesthetic of each of the districts that they are in. Sims stated that there were poles in the Cultural district and in the Midtown district. He stated that the lighting on each pole would mimic the existing lighting in each district. Montgomery-Mills verified that the poles would be the same color as the existing poles. He stated that the arm and light fixtures would stay the same, and they would just be added to the new poles. Montgomery-Mills stated that the light fixtures on the poles needed to match the existing light poles and that that should be noted in the plan. Wolfe asked if the poles were currently fluted. Mr. Price stated that where the current poles are fluted, the new poles would be fluted as well. Wolfe stated that the applicant would need to return to present how the poles would be metered.

Motion: Montgomery-Mills made a motion to approve this proposal including the discussed edits. Any changes would need to return.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: none



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Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VI. Name:** Mr. Robert Bruner
Site Address: 2901 4th Avenue South
District: Lakeview
Requesting approval for: Revised Signage Master Plan

Statements: Mr. Bruner presented his plan to revise the master signage plan for Lakeview Green. He stated that the new tenant wanted to change how their signage was displayed on the building. He stated that the new tenant would use 50% of the first floor of the development. He stated that he wanted to put the signage on the canopy at the corner, instead of the other locations currently provided. He stated that the other sign would go on the end of the building. He also stated that the tenant would not use several of the sign locations that were allotted. Wieseman asked if the new signage still fit within the Guidelines. Sims said that it did.

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

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried. Burnett recused himself.

- VII. Name:** Ms. Callan Childs
Site Address: 2821 2nd Avenue South
District: Lakeview
Requesting approval for: New Storefront

Statements: Ms. Childs presented her plan to remove two windows and replace them with a door. She stated that there would be a door with two side lites. She stated that the size of the opening wouldn't change. She also stated that the door matched one of the other doors in the complex. Montgomery-Mills asked if there would be any signage. Ms. Childs stated that they weren't requesting any at this time.

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

Motion seconded by: Wieseman

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VIII. Name:** Mr. Kyle Hulsey
Site Address: 114 14th Street South
District: Midtown



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Requesting approval for: Shed

Statements: Mr. Hulsey presented his plan to add a shed over the permanent Airstream Food Truck. He stated that the shed would be a treated wood frame with a black metal roof. Montgomery-Mills stated that the wood frame didn't seem to fit the aesthetic of the Brewery complex. Wieseman stated that it would make more sense to use metal poles to match the existing building.

Motion: Montgomery-Mills made a motion to carry this case over.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

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