

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, <u>including but not limited to</u>: 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, Richard Mauk, Shelia Montgomery-Mills, Willie Oliver, Chris Swain, Brian Wolfe
Members Absent:	Scott Burnett, Creig Hoskins, Lea Ann Macknally, Ben Wieseman
Staff Present:	Karla Calvert, Lauren Havard, John Sims
Others Present:	Bill Arant, Corey Bishop, Michael Eric Dale, Matthew Gregory, Kurtis Hammond, Lyn Malcolm, Nabil Obaid, Dora Sims, LaKeisha Warnsley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the minutes from the 5/25/22 meeting were ready. Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes. Barnes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Name: Mr. Louis Aller (Homeowner) Site Address: 40 Norwood Circle District: Norwood Local Historic District Requesting approval for: New home construction and driveway (Carried over from the 5/25/2022 DRC Meeting)

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved with conditions. Calvert stated that the applicant has agreed to all the conditions of the LHAC and has provided all of the additional materials requested by the DRC.

On May 16, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Norwood



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Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 40 Norwood Circle, 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 22-Item B-Architectural Style

"The street facade is visually significant to the historic character of a street. New construction should employ facade designs that are architecturally compatible with existing structures.

So that they appear to be congruous with the majority of the houses within the neighborhood, infill houses shall be similar in architectural design and character to a style represented among the district's contributing housing stock that was constructed during the first four decades of the twentieth century.

New construction should reference predominant design characteristics that make the area distinctive, while still reflecting creative design solutions that are more than just mere imitations of existing buildings.

In terms of materials and craftmanship, infill houses shall be of quality comparable to Norwood's original homes. "

See conditions below

Page 23-Item E-Decks

"Decks are not appropriate at the front or side of the house."

Page 23-Item F-Doors

"Doors shall conform to the style of the house and shall be of wood or composite materials."

Page 24-Item I-Foundations

"Appropriate (based on the period & design of the house):

-Brick

-Stuccoed or bricked concrete block

-Stone"

See conditions below.

Page 25-Item K-Gutters and Downspouts

"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."



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Page 26-Item M-Materials,

"The primary form of construction in Norwood is wood frame and the exterior wall materials include simple weatherboard, brick veneer, stucco and wood shingles. New construction projects and additions should use one of the traditional building materials, similar in size and physical appearance to the established construction."

See conditions below.

Page 26-Item N-Paint

"Colors shall be compatible with the style of the house being represented."

Page 27 - Item O - Retaining Walls

"The topography of Norwood neighborhood requires some of the lots to have retaining walls. The existing retaining walls are constructed primarily of cobblestone, brick, concrete and cut stone.

New retaining walls shall be constructed of similar materials as those on existing retaining walls within the district..."

See conditions below.

Page 28-Item R-Roofs

"In Norwood, roofing materials primarily include asphalt shingles, terra cotta clay tiles and concrete shingles. Roof materials on any permanent structure shall be historically accurate based on the architectural style being represented."

Page 28 – Item S – Size, Scale, Massing, Orientation, and Setback

"In terms of size, scale. Massing, orientation and setback, in-fill houses and additions shall conform to and be consistent with dominant patterns of size, scale, massing, orientation and setback of the existing historic and immediately surrounding housing stock within the district and shall be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Birmingham."

See conditions below.

Page 31-Item V-Windows

"Wood windows or metal clad wood windows with true divided lights or simulated divided lights are acceptable."



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

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

1. Although trim is indicated around the windows and doors on the elevation drawings, the committee was unable to get a full understanding of what the trim details will look like. After some discussion it was agreed that the design is lacking a level of detail on the exterior that would bring the home to a level of craftsmanship comparable to Norwood's original homes. The applicant stated that he will add comer boards as well as possibly some gable details such as bellybands and/or frieze board trim.

2. Applicant has stated that the foundation will be constructed from poured concrete. Should the method of construction change to concrete block rather than poured concrete, please note that the concrete block must be either parged/stuccoed or clad in an approved material.

3. Siding is approved but should be installed so that the exposure size is similar to existing historic houses in the area.

4. Should any retaining walls be required, they should conform to the guidelines in material and appearance.

5. Please ensure that all local zoning requirements have been met.

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 P a g e $4 \mid 15$



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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. Aller presented his plan to build a new house in the Norwood neighborhood. Mr. Aller stated that he agreed to all of the conditions set forth by the LHAC.

Motion: Barnes made a motion to approve the proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC.Motion seconded by: OliverDiscussion: noneVote: The motion carried unanimously.

II. Name: Mr. Matthew Gregory (Homeowner)
 Site Address: 430 Somerset Drive
 District: Roebuck Springs Local Historic District
 Requesting approval for: Painting exterior brick; replacing windows (Carried over from the 5/25/2022 DRC Meeting)

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved.

On May 25, 2022, the Roebuck Springs Neighborhood Association Executive Board for the Roebuck Springs Neighborhood heard the DRC case for the property located at 430 Somerset Drive, and the Committee took the following action: Approve.

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. Gregory presented his plan to paint his home in Roebuck Springs. Mauk asked what color the home was painted. Mr. Gregory stated that it was a historic color called Elmira White. Swain verified that it was approved by the LHAC. [Note: The house is listed as a noncontributing structure to the Roebuck Springs Historic District.]

Motion: Swain made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC. Motion seconded by: Barnes Discussion: none Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

 III. Name: Mr. Michael Eric Dale (Designer) Site Address: 904 Landale Road
 District: Forest Park Historic District
 Requesting approval for: Addition to existing house

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved.

On May 31, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Forest Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 904 Landale Road, and the Committee took the following action: Approve.

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

Applicant's plan 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



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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. Dale presented his plan to add on to the home. He stated that the materials, colors and style of construction would remain the same as the original home. Mauk asked if the addition could be seen. Mr. Dale stated that the addition was in the rear, behind the carport and couldn't really be seen from the street.

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

Motion seconded by: Swain Discussion: none Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Name: Mr. Lyn Malcom (Three D Properties)
Site Address: 1403 30th Street North
District: Norwood Local Historic District
Requesting approval for: New Front Windows and New Front Door (Modifications to proposal approved at the 10/27/2021 DRC Meeting)

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved with conditions.

On June 1, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Norwood Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 1403 30th St. 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 13-Item E-Doors

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"Original doors, frames, hardware, and glass shall be retained and maintained where possible since original doors help to define a house's architectural style and therefore are of great importance to the preservation of a historic structure. Repair in accordance with the original design is preferred over replacement."

Page 15-Item K-Materials

"Alternative materials shall not be used unless such materials visually replicate the original exterior in appearance, dimensions, texture, etc. to every degree possible."



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Page 17-Item N-Porches (primary)

"Entrances and entrance features such as doors, fanlights, sidelights...and stairs help to signify the age and define the overall historic character of a building, and therefore should be retained and preserved."

Page 19-Item U-Windows

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

Wood windows or metal clad wood windows...are acceptable."

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

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

1. Item E-Doors and Item N-Porches in the Norwood Historic Preservation Plan both state the importance of original entry features to remain intact and be repaired if it is possible. Given the small amount of damage to the existing sidelights, it was the preference of the advisory committee that the sidelights be repaired and remain in place along with the existing transom. Applicant has stated that he was unable to repair one of the sidelights and it was disposed of, therefore new sidelights were installed. It is the preference of the committee that the remaining sidelight be stored in the house so that a future owner will have the opportunity to reinstall the original sidelight if they wish to do so.

2. The proposed slide bar over glass can be considered a simulated divided light window and is approved.

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.



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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. Malcolm presented his renovation. The applicant stated that he agreed to the conditions set forth by the LHAC.

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

Motion seconded by: Holloway Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

V. Name: Mr. Kurtis Hammond (KD Hammond Construction)

Site Address: 3108 15th Avenue North

District: Norwood Local Historic District

Requesting approval for: Window replacements, new rear doors, repairs to front door, siding replacement as needed (decorative siding to remain), new roof (metal), rebuilding rear deck, cleaning brick, and painting all surfaces

Statements: Chairman Mauk asked if there was a report from the LHAC. Calvert stated that the proposal was approved with conditions.

On June 1, 2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Norwood Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 3108 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 C-Decks

"Decks are not appropriate at the front or side of the house."

Proposed deck is located at the rear of the house, which conforms to the guidelines.

Page 13-Item E-Doors

"Original doors, frames, hardware and glass shall be retained and maintained where possible since original doors help to define a house's architectural style and therefore are



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of great importance to the preservation of a historic structure. Repair in accordance with the original design is preferred over replacement.

When repair of original doors, frames, hardware and glass is not possible due to extreme deterioration, replacements should match the original design or be consistent with the architectural style of the home."

Page 14-Item H-Foundations

"In Norwood, foundations typically are continuous brick or brick piers. Original foundation materials shall be maintained and repaired when necessary."

Page 15-Item I-Gutters and downspouts

"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-Materials

"Alternative materials shall not be used unless such materials visually replicate the original exterior in appearance, dimensions, texture, etc. to every degree possible."

Page 16-Item L-Paint

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

Previously painted brick and stone may be repainted."

Page 17-Item N-Porches (primary)

"Maintain the historic design and character or 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."

Page 18-Item Q-Roofs

"In Norwood, roofing materials primarily include asphalt shingles, terra cotta clay tiles and concrete shingles. Historic roof materials shall be repaired and maintained where possible. When replacement of the existing roof materials is necessary due to deterioration, roof materials on any permanent structure shall be historically accurate or shall appear to be historically accurate based on the original materials and architectural style of the house."

Page 19-Item T-Trim (decorative)

"All historic trim shall be repaired and maintained. Any elements of the trim which become deteriorated shall be repaired or replaced with new pieces that match the



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original design and proportions."

Page 19-Item U-Windows

"The windows of a historic home are an important feature of the home's architecture. For that reason, every effort should be made to preserve and maintain original windows, including the original opening, window frame and sash. Replacement of entire windows shall be discouraged. However, where window replacement is unavoidable because of deterioration, new frame units are to match the original window in terms of material, style, light pattern (design), construction and proportions."

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

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

1. Proposed door is not consistent with the architectural style of the home and can not be approved. Applicant has stated that they will get a door similar to the existing door as a replacement. Existing door is too damaged to repair.

2. Applicant has proposed to patch an area of the foundation with siding, this should be done with matching brick and painted to match the rest of the foundation.

3. Although not in the application materials, applicant has stated that they will be installing gutters. These should be appropriately sized and painted to match the trim.

4. Proposed replacement siding is approved where needed. New siding exposure should match up to the exposure of the existing horizontal siding.

5. Porch covering can be removed as proposed. Balcony should be rebuilt as shown in the applicants rendering. Historic photo was not submitted, but the committee had a copy they were able to reference. Applicant should reference this photo when recreating the trim elements of the reconstructed balcony.

6. Roof material is approved, although the photo provided in the application did not



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match up with the photo showed to the committee on the applicants cell phone. Applicant stated that the actual product has a particular coating that makes it look more like the original terra cotta roof tiles. Replacement material can be approved, assuming it indeed will be the same appearance and scale as the original terra cotta. Existing decorative roof hip starters should be preserved and reinstalled in existing locations over the new tile roofing material.

7. All decorative trim should match the original.

8. Proposed Anderson 100 wood composite windows are approved, but between the glass muntins should not be used. Windows must be true divided light or simulated divided light as required by the Norwood Historic Preservation Plan. Windows on the upper level on the home should match the original 4-over-1 configuration. All other windows should match the original configuration.

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. Hammond presented his case for renovations to a home in Norwood. Mr. Hammond has agreed to all the conditions set forth by the LHAC. Mauk asked if the awning to the left would be removed. Mr. Hammond stated that it would be removed. Swain asked what type of roof would be used. Mr. Hammond stated that it would be a metal roof that matches the terra cotta tiles that currently exist.

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

Motion seconded by: Oliver

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.



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 VI. Name: Mr. Nabil Obaid (Makarios) Site Address: 940 20th Street South District: Midtown Requesting approval for: Mural

> **Statements:** Mauk asked if the phone numbers had been removed from the signage. Sims stated that it had. Mr. Obaid presented his mural for approval. Mr. Obaid stated that the painted sign on the side of the building has been in place for 15 years, and he didn't realize there would be a problem. Montgomery-Mills asked if it would be acceptable if the sign was removed from the mural. Sims said yes. Mr. Obaid asked why the sign couldn't remain. Sims stated that if a sign is put in a mural, then the whole mural becomes a sign. He stated that the square footage of the mural was too much for the size of the building.

Motion: Swain made a motion to approve the mural with the sign removed. Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills Discussion: none Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Name: Mr. Corey Bishop Site Address: 2205 Bessemer Rd District: Five Points West Requesting approval for: Mural

Statements: Mr. Bishop presented his mural for approval. He stated that a mural was previously approved for the location. Montgomery-Mills asked if "Refresh Clothing" was in the building, or if they contributed money toward the mural. Mr. Bishop stated that they contributed money. Montgomery-Mill stated that it acts as a sign with "Refresh Clothing" in it. Mauk stated that since "Shoe Time" was already up, then it is grandfathered in and can remain.

Motion: Swain made a motion to approve this proposal as presented, with "Refresh Clothing" sign removed.

Motion seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: Ms. Sims stated that she thought that the neighborhood ought to be consulted on the content of the mural. Mauk stated that the business owners were not under any obligation to get input from the community for their murals. Mr. Woodson stated that he represented the 5 Points West Business Alliance, and he stated that he supports the mural in neighborhood.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.



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VIII. Name: Mr. William J. Arant Site Address: 2008 1st Avenue North District: Birmingham Green Requesting approval for: Renovation (Last seen 12/15/21)

Statements: Mr. Arant presented his proposal to renovate the exterior of the Brown-Marx building. Mr. Arant stated that there would be two awnings added, one at each entrance. Mr. Arant stated that the storefront was the same materials and colors as the previously approved windows. Montgomery-Mills verified that the two canopies were the same in materials, color and style. Mr. Arant stated that there would be two separate hotels within the same building. Sims stated that the cornice would also be repaired. Montgomery-Mills verified that the cornice would not be changed, just repaired.

Motion: Montgomery-Mills made a motion to approve the storefront, awnings, and cornice repair, with the signage to return.Motion seconded by: SwainDiscussion: noneVote: The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Name: Ms. Laura Turner
 Site Address: 3008 4th Avenue South
 District: Lakeview
 Requesting approval for: Exterior Paint (Last seen 5/25/22)

Statements: Ms. Turner presented her plan to paint her building. She stated that the building has already been painted. Mauk stated that the DRC generally denies requests to paint the brick. Swain asked if the brick was damaged. Ms. Turner stated that the brick was damaged and that there was graffiti on the building. Mauk asked if the graffiti could be pressure-washed off. Ms. Turner stated that she tried to pressure-wash it, but it couldn't be removed.

Motion: Montgomery-Mills made a motion to carry this case over. The committee requested that the applicant talk to staff regarding what could be done, and get testimony and pictures showing damage to the brick.

Motion seconded by: Swain

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.



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There being no further business, Montgomery-Mills made a motion to adjourn. Oliver seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.