



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee Meeting Minutes September 14, 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, Richard Mauk, Shelia Montgomery-Mills, Willie Oliver

Members Absent: Scott Burnett, Chris Swain, Ben Wieseman, Brian Wolfe

Staff Present: Karla Calvert, Lauren Havard, John Sims

Others Present: David Brandt, Meghann Bridgeman, David Brush, Darla Davis, Jackson Dean, Rebecca Dobrinski, Reid Fravert, Robby Glover, Jack Marshall, Amelia Miller, John Mills, Sandy Miller, Ben Shepard, Debbie Simmons, Dustin Slaughter

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the minutes from the 8/24/22 meeting were ready. Holloway made a motion to approve the minutes. Hoskins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Name:** Mr. Dustin Slaughter (Narrow Path Builders, LLC)
Site Address: 3213 Carlisle Road
District: Red Mountain Suburbs Local Historic District
Requesting approval for: New residential construction on vacant lot

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

On 9/9/2022, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Red Mountain Suburbs Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 3213 Carlisle Road, and the Committee took the following action: Approve with Conditions.

The recommendation of the Local Historic Advisory Committee was to Approve with



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Conditions the design review request for the following reasons:

The proposed new construction is compatible in scale, design, and detail with the historic character of the district. The siting of the property works with the difficult topography and grading of the lot. The proposed project will be an appropriate addition to the neighborhood.

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

III. 10. All new constructions shall respect the historic character of the district and the street. No new construction shall have a detrimental impact on the historic nature of the district on which its significance is based. The style of new construction is not required to replicate construction typical of the district's significance, but materials shall be compatible in selection and permanence. Massing and setbacks shall be consistent with those of the immediate surrounding properties and applicable zoning ordinances. No multi-family or multi-story (over 3 levels above ground) development will be permitted that is inconsistent with zoning codes.

Site plans for new construction shall be sensitive to and compatible with adjacent properties and structures and minimize changes to natural site topography.

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

1. A drainage solution designed by a civil engineer is presented to the satisfaction to all adjacent property owners.
2. Revisions to the landscape plan of the front yard are made to the satisfaction of adjacent Carlisle neighbors.

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



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District.

Mr. Slaughter presented his case for a new construction home in the Redmont neighborhood. Mr. Slaughter stated that he agreed with the conditions set forth by the LHAC. Mr. Slaughter stated that some of the landscaping will change based on the drainage improvements. Montgomery-Mills asked what materials would be used on the home. Mr. Slaughter stated that he would use lime washed brick and limestone. He stated that the trim would be wood painted Alabaster. He stated that the windows would be steel, and painted Iron Ore. He stated that the roof would be shingles.

Motion: Hoskins made a motion to approve the proposal as presented, in agreement with the LHAC. He stated that landscaping needed to return for approval once it's finalized.

Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- II. Name:** Ms. Meghann Bridgeman (Create Birmingham)
Site Address: 8th Avenue West and Center Street
District: 8th Avenue
Requesting approval for: Street Art

Statements: Ms. Bridgeman presented her plans for street art on 8th Ave. She stated that north arrows would be added in the corners. Sims stated that the applicant would need to make sure that the neighborhood names were oriented correctly. Oliver asked if the paint would be permanent. Ms. Bridgeman stated that the paint would be asphalt paint and would last only about 2 to 3 years.

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

Motion seconded by: Hoskins

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Hoskins recused himself, and left the room prior to the hearing of the next case.

- III. Name:** Ms. Debbie Simmons (Studio 2H Design, LLC)
Site Address: 1918 University Boulevard
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Renovation (Phase III)



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Statements: Ms. Simmons presented her plans for a new entrance for a lab building on UAB's campus. She stated that it had flooded several times recently, and needed to be reworked. She stated that UAB wanted to make the entrance more prominent. She stated that new ramps and stairs would be added to access the elevator lobby. She stated that existing materials would continue through the new addition. Ms. Simmons stated that there would be new landscaping for this area to help mitigate some of the flooding that occurs here. She also stated that the planting areas would help to disguise some of the grading work that they needed to do. Ms. Simmons stated that the sidewalk was 8' wide at this location. Oliver asked if there would be a drop-off in this location. Montgomery-Mills stated that there wasn't any room for that in this location.

Motion: Montgomery-Mills made a motion to approve this proposal as presented.

Motion seconded by: Oliver

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried; Hoskins had recused himself.

Hoskins returned to the room.

- IV. Name:** Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services, Inc.)
Site Address: 2118 7th Avenue South
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Revised Signage Master Plan

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his plan to revise a signage master plan. Mr. Brandt stated that he wanted to allow the end tenant to have a small sign on the end of the building, adjacent to their space in the building for additional visibility. Mauk asked if the signage fit within the Guidelines. Sims said that it did.

Motion: Montgomery-Mills made a motion to approve this proposal as presented.

Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- V. Name:** Mr. David Brandt (Fravert Services, Inc.)
Site Address: 2207 2nd Avenue North
District: 2nd Avenue North
Requesting approval for: Signage

Statements: Mr. Brandt presented his plan for a new blade sign for "Abacus." Hoskins asked if the sign was three dimensional. Mr. Brandt said yes. Hoskins asked if the sign was made of perforated aluminum. Mr. Brandt said yes.



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Mauk asked how thick the sign would be. Mr. Brandt stated that the sign would be 6 ¼". Mr. Brandt also stated that the sign would not be lit. Mr. Brandt stated that the sign would be almost 10' high. Montgomery-Mills asked if the fire escapes would remain. Mauk said yes. Montgomery-Mills stated that this sign was not appropriate for this building or for the block. She stated that the sign was not appropriate for the pedestrian experience.

Motion: Montgomery-Mills made a motion to table this case pending a revised plan.

Motion seconded by: Oliver

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- VI. Name:** Mr. Jack Marshall (BDG Architects)
Site Address: 237 20th Street South (Synovus Midtown)
District: Midtown
Requesting approval for: Revision to the Master Signage Plan

Statements: The applicant stated that he was removing a door and some storefront and replacing it with an ATM and an ACM panel. Hoskins asked if this proposal fit within the Guidelines. Sims said yes.

Motion: Barnes made a motion to approve this addition to the Signage Master Plan, as presented.

Seconded by: Montgomery-Mills

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Holloway made a motion to adjourn. Hoskins seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.