



City of Birmingham Design Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023

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, Richard Mauk, Chris Swain, Brian Wolfe

Members Absent: Scott Burnett, Creig Hoskins, Willie Oliver, Ben Wieseman

Staff Present: Charles Bradley, Karla Calvert, Hannah Garmon, Lauren Havard

Others Present: Kariba Bush, Steve Christian, Justin Collier, Kyle, D'Agostino, Rebecca Dobrinski, Michael Foster, Don Hawes, Anthony Haydon, Hardie Kimbrough, Claire McLane, Matt Phillips, Drew Watson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the minutes from the 1/25/23 meeting were ready. Holloway made a motion to approve the minutes. Wolfe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Name:** ~~Mr. Eric Hutzler (Read's Uniform)~~
Site Address: ~~608 23rd Street South~~
District: ~~Midtown~~
Requesting approval for: ~~Painting the building, adding aluminum awning, and signage~~

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- II. Name:** ~~Ms. BJ Waller~~
Site Address: ~~7321 1st Avenue North~~
District: ~~East Lake~~
Requesting approval for: ~~Demolition~~



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Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- III. ~~Name: Ms. Rebecca Sharp~~
~~Site Address: 1301 1st Ave S~~
~~District: Midtown~~
~~Requesting approval for: Electric Charging Stations~~**

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.

- IV. Name: Mr. Hardie Kimbrough (Hoar Construction)**
Site Address: 3209 Ensley Avenue
District: 5 Points West
Requesting approval for: Exterior painting, signage

Statements: Mr. Kimbrough presented his plan to paint and add signage to a former Rite-Aid. He stated that he wanted to repaint the building white. He also stated that he wanted to add signage, and change out the storefront entrance to a sliding glass door. Mauk asked if the signage met the Design Guidelines. Havard stated that the signage would need a variance per Zoning, but that it did meet the Design Review Guidelines. Havard stated that the applicant had agreed to take the phone number off of the front door vinyl signage. Wolfe asked what the applicant planned to do with the front windows. Mr. Kimbrough stated that he planned to remove the front windows and replace them with new storefront windows.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to approve this proposal on the condition that the phone number is removed.

Motion seconded by: Swain

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- V. ~~Name: Mr. Aaron Smith~~
~~Site Address: 1237 33rd Street North~~
~~District: Norwood Local Historic District~~
~~Requesting approval for: Paint color, front door replacement, replacing 5 windows, and closing in 5 windows~~**

Statements: This item was removed from the agenda.



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- VI. Name:** Ms. Sonya Friebis and Mr. Anthony Haydon (Integrity Home Services)
Site Address: 4212 Overlook Road
District: Forest Park Local Historic District
Requesting approval for: Replacement of 21 windows

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

On January 23, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Forest Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 4212 Overlook Road, 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:

Applicant's submitted plan was not in keeping with the architectural integrity of the structure / neighborhood.

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

A. Applicant requested replacement of windows with a 6 over 1 grill pattern. Windows original to the house are 6 over 6.

a. The Committee recommends replacement of the windows on the side and back of the house with windows presented by applicant, conditioned on replacing with:

1. A 6 over 6 grill pattern and,
2. Full divided light grills with a 3/4 reveal on the grills.

B. The window replacement proposal submitted by applicant even with conditions set out above for side and back of house will result in reducing the glass opening of the windows. The committee recommends the following for the street facing windows:

1. Preserve the existing original windows, or
2. Replace the windows with a product that affords the glass opening and trim detail to remain the same as the existing / original windows.

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



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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. Haydon presented his case to replace 21 windows on the home. Mr. Haydon stated that he agreed to change the windows to a full divided light 6 over 6 windows. Mr. Haydon stated that he was concerned about not replacing the front windows on the home. He stated that he wanted to replace them. Mr. Haydon verified that he would be installing full divided light windows for the whole house.

Motion: Swain made a motion to approve this proposal with all the windows being full divided light windows. He stated that the windows on the side and rear of the home could be wood polymer.

Motion seconded by: Wolfe

Discussion: Calvert verified that the windows on the whole house would be full divided light.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Name: Mr. David Tanner (TannerBuilt)

Site Address: 901 Essex Road

District: Forest Park Local Historic District

Requesting approval for: Replacing all the old windows and French doors except the front door

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

On February 6, 2023, the Local Historic Advisory Committee (LHAC) for the Forest Park Local Historic District heard the DRC case for the property located at 901 Essex Road, and the Committee took the following action: Approve.

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

Applicant's plan is recommended as presented.

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



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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. Tanner stated that he wanted to replace the windows on his home and 5 sets of French doors. He stated that he would be replacing the windows with identical matching windows and doors. He stated that the windows would be wood windows and would be full divided lights and would match the grid patterns of the existing windows.

Motion: Wolfe 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.

VIII. Name: Mr. Justin Collier

Site Address: 113 13th Street South; 1227 1st Avenue South; 1230 2nd Avenue South

District: Midtown (Urban Supply District)

Requesting approval for: Exterior renovations

Statements: Mr. Collier presented his plan to renovate the core and shell and public space area. Havard stated that most of this proposal has been approved previously, but now the project is being submitted as a whole. Mr. Collier stated that two of the three buildings were being evaluated for historic tax credits. Wolfe asked where in the process that these buildings were. Mr. Collier stated that they had just received feedback at the federal level for this project. Mr. Collier stated that there were a few minor changes based on feedback from the NPS. Wolfe verified that the applicant would be complying with the requested changes. Mr. Collier stated that most of the work was cleaning brick and windows and creating new openings for the new tenants.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to approve this proposal on the condition that the applicant makes the changes set forth by the NPS for historic tax credits.



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Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

IX.

Name: Mr. Kariba Bush

Site Address: 301 Rev. Abraham Woods Jr. Boulevard

District: 8th Avenue North

Requesting approval for: Windows, site plan, landscaping, parking and signage (last seen 9/22/21)

Statements: Mr. Bush presented his plan to renovate a building and restore it to its historic state. Mr. Bush presented his site plan, landscaping and outdoor dining area. Mauk asked if the garage doors were stationary. Mr. Bush stated that they would be able to be rolled up. He also stated that his roll-up doors were glass. Mr. Bush stated that he applied for an Adaptive Reuse permit to decrease the amount of parking that he needed.

Mr. Bush presented his landscaping plan. Barnes asked what the building was made of. Mr. Bush stated that the building was made of metal. Mr. Bush stated that he was going to paint the red stripe black.

Mr. Bush also presented his signage. Wolfe asked if the raceway would be painted the same color as the building. Mr. Bush said yes. Wolfe asked if the City approved the landscaping plan. Havard said yes.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to approve as presented.

Motion seconded by: Holloway

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

X.

Name: Mr. Don Hawes

Site Address: 1531 3rd Avenue North

District: 4th Avenue North

Requesting approval for: Mural/Signage (last seen 1/25/23)

Statements: Mr. Hawes presented his master signage plan. The Committee reviewed the master signage plan and advised that the applicant would need to return if any signage was going to be added. Wolfe verified that the applicant wanted to paint the front-side portion "Vintage Leather." Mauk verified that there would be no tenant signage on the building.



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Motion seconded by: Swain

Discussion: none

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

- XI. Name:** Mr. Kyle D’Agostino
Site Address: 200 23rd Street South (The Sage)
District: Lakeview
Requesting approval for: Exterior Renovations

Statements: Mr. D’Agostino presented his plan to renovate the Architectural Heritage building in Pepper Place. He stated that all the existing landscaping that was living would remain. He stated that the pea gravel would remain. He also stated that pavers would be added as a walkway. Mr. D’Agostino stated that the existing storefront would remain, but he would be removing the landscaping from it. He stated that the only sign that he was requesting was the “Sage” sign within the courtyard. Wolfe verified that the ivy would be real. Mr. D’Agostino stated that the vertical elements in the courtyard would be made of steel and rebar to provide structure for the plant material.

Motion: Wolfe made a motion to 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. Holloway seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.