



**City of Birmingham Design Review Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2023**

**Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m.**

**Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall**

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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.

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Members Present: Abra Barnes, Scott Burnett, Richard Mauk, Brian Wolfe,  
Ivan Holloway, Creig Hoskins, Ben Wieseman

Members Absent: Willie Oliver, Chris Swain

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

Others Present: Draper Mason, Kim DeGrout, Rebecca Dobrinski

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Mauk. He stated that the minutes from the 2/22/2023 meeting were ready. Wieseman made a motion to approve the minutes. Barnes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Name:** Mr. Draper Mason  
**Site Address:** 1006 20<sup>th</sup> Street South  
**District:** Five Points South  
**Requesting approval for** Painting; Signage

**Statements:** Mr. Mason presented his plan to paint the building and his logo on the old Woolworth building, also known as the Hive, that has been renovated. Wolfe asked for color samples, which were green and black. Wolfe also asked Mr. Mason about the three inscriptions in his logo. Mr. Mason responded that those three inscriptions were dining, entertainment, and catering. Mauk stated he liked the color scheme that Mr. Mason proposed, which was black and green as opposed to the

building's original light color. Wolfe asked Mr. Mason if that was all the alterations he was doing, and if any other exterior work was being done on the building. Mr. Mason replied that was it.

**Motion:** Wolfe made a motion to approve this project.

**Motion seconded by:** Hoskins

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously. Barnes recused herself and left the room for the presentation.

**II.**

**Name:** Mr. Kim DeGrout

**Site Address:** 2201 Bessemer Road (McDonald's)

**District:** Five Points West

**Requesting approval for:** Signage

**Statements:** Mr. DeGout presented signage for a renovation project for a McDonald's. Part of the renovation project included signage of two golden arches that are going on the wall, two signs that say McDonald's, two overhead canopies for a double drive-through and directional signs (one that says "exit" and the other that says "enter"). Wolfe asked if the committee had approved the modifications for this project a year ago. Havard stated that the applicant, McDonald's, is coming in two weeks from now for the exterior changes, but today they are just trying to get approved for signage. Hoskins mentioned about when this was presented before as concept information.

**Motion:** Burnett made a motion to approve this project.

**Motion seconded by:** Wolfe

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

Havard stated that the applicant would be changing some of the materials on the façade, and also changing from one drive-through lane into two drive-through lanes. Mauk stated that the committee hasn't approved of the two lanes. Wolfe stated they the committee just approved the signs for it. Wieseman asked if the applicant received permission from engineering for the curb cuts. Havard replied that the applicant had. Wieseman stated that he noticed a difference in the site plan than what's actually out there. Havard responded that the committee requested that one of the curb cuts be closed in but traffic engineering, BDOT, stated that the applicant didn't need to do that, and that the applicant is not changing the curb cuts.

There being no further business, Burnett, made a motion to adjourn. Barnes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 a.m.