

MINUTES OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 4:00 PM

Board Members Present: Joyce Selina Love, Michelle Ye, Mike Hammond, Colin McDoniel, Deni Reilly, Brett Ragsdale, and Roderick DeBerry

Board Members Absent: Shelia Urevbu and Mario Walker

DMC Staff Present: Paul Young, Christine Taylor, Brett Roler, Katie Koleini, Penelope Huston, and Abe Lueders

Guests: James Stokes, Tre Yancey, Tamara Redburn (Fleming Architect), Adam Slovis (Conwood), Neil Strebig (Daily Memphian), Corrinne Kennedy (CA), and a Member of the Public

I-II. Call to Order & Approval of Minutes:

Joyce Selina Love called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM Christine Taylor called roll for attending board members. After quorum was confirmed, Chairman Love explained the meeting process and meeting protocols. Chairman Love called for approval of February 2, 2022, minutes. Michelle Ye made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2022, DRB meeting as submitted. Rod DeBerry seconded the motion, which after roll call passed unanimously.

III. Current Applications:

DRB #22-16 Conwood II

Abe Lueders presented the DRB application for new construction for property located at 645 North Front Street. The Conwood II is a new-construction building being developed as a part of the larger revitalization of the Snuff District. The Conwood II will be constructed on what is currently vacant land directly to the south of the original Conwood building. The proposed building consists of four apartment stories containing a total of 294 multifamily units, built over a two-story garage podium containing 400 parking spaces. The ground floor of the development will also feature 6,212 square feet of leasable restaurant and retail space, as well as amenity space and four townhome-style residential units. A few brief comments from Fleming Architects Tre Yancey and Tamara Redburn. After board discussion, Michelle Ye made the motion to approve the application as submitted, with the condition to return for signage and lighting approval. Deni Reilly seconded the motion. Christine Taylor called roll for approval; the motion passed unanimously.

(NOTE: Mike Hammond recused himself from the vote)

IV. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.