



**MINUTES OF THE
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)**

Wednesday, June 5, 2024
4:00 PM

Board Members Present: Michelle Ye, Aaron Campbell, Mike Hammond, Sophorn Olsen, Brett Ragsdale, Victoria Young, Blair Perry, and Mario Walker

Board Members Absent: Michael Winter

DMC Staff Present: Chandell Ryan, Christine Taylor, Brett Roler, Sara Barrera, Brian Mykulyn, Tori Haliburton, Lawrence Green, and Halle Novarese

Guests: Daiquiri Baptiste, Orpheum guest, and Member of the Public

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

Chair Michelle Ye called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM Christine Taylor called roll to confirm quorum. After quorum was confirmed, Chair Michelle Ye reviewed the meeting process and protocols. Chair Michelle Ye called for approval of February 7, 2024, minutes. Aaron Campbell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted, Sophorn Olsen seconded the motion, which after roll call vote passed unanimously.

III. Current Applications:

DRB #24-29 203 South Main Street

Brett Roler presented the DRB application for lighting for property located at 203 South Main Street (The Orpheum). The Orpheum Theatre Group is proposing the installation of overhead lighting over the Beale Street corridor between the Mobility Center and Orpheum Theatre. 350 individual light fixtures with two (2) in. diameter will be spaced two (2) ft. apart and attached to a 1/16 in. stainless steel aircraft cable that will be hung at roughly the third-floor elevation of the Mobility Center (approximately 22 ft. 6 in. from the street level). The cables will run for approximately 700 linear feet in total and will be attached to metal mounting brackets secured to the facades of both the Mobility Center and Orpheum Theatre. The proposed exterior lighting project will improve the pedestrian connection between Beale Street and Front Street, creating a more vibrant public realm while preserving vehicular access. The proposed height of 22 ft. 6 in. above the street level will allow for nearly all vehicles to continue using the space, while still being close enough to the ground to provide pedestrian-scale lighting. The applicant, Daiquiri Baptiste (Orpheum) was present to answer questions. After board discussion, Aaron Campbell made a motion to approve the application as presented. Victoria Young seconded the motion, which after roll call vote passed unanimously.

(NOTE: Sophorn Olsen recused herself from the vote)

DRB #24-33 1277 Decatur Street

Sara Barrera presented the DRB application for exterior renovations for property located at 1277 Decatur Street (Clayhouse). The commercial building will be renovated for use as a construction training center. The scope of the renovation includes new glazing, new garage door, masonry clean-up/repair, concrete work, and signage. The building and site will be prepared for improvements by removing litter, large debris, and weeds. The barbed wire fence will also be removed. The boarded windows on the north and south side of the building will be uncovered and 61 glass panels will be installed in existing window frames. Throughout the building the brick will be cleaned and repaired as necessary. Applicants, Beverly Clay and Kerry Clay were present to answer any questions. After board discussion, Sophorn Olsen made a motion to approve the application as presented, with the condition to retain the middle lawn for landscaping. Aaron Campbell seconded the motion, which after roll call vote passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

After closing remarks from Chandell Ryan, seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.