



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

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
4:00 PM

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

Board Members Absent:

DMC Staff Present: Paul Young, Brett Roler, Christine Taylor, Penelope Huston, Penelope Springer, Katie Flynn, Abe Lueders, Debra Streeter, Lauren Bermudez and Kaeyla Willis

Guests: Nick Barbarian, Carol Coletta, Melissa Moon, Jerred Price, Jennifer Booker, B J Chester-Tamayo, Ryan Morris, Meg Johnson, Jimmie Tucker, James Stokes, Onjelicia Harris, Lori Beth Shelton, Brandon Ingram, Colby Mitchell, Dorrit Gilliam, Luke Jones, Mario Oliver, Sandi Hughes, Michael Eskeridge and a Member of the Public.

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

Joyce Selina Love called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 April 7, 2021 minutes. Michelle Ye made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 DRB meeting as submitted. Roderick DeBerry seconded the motion, which after roll call passed unanimously.

III. Current Applications:

DRB #21-26 516 Tennessee Street – Big River Market

Katie Flynn presented the DRB application for exterior renovation for property located at 516 Tennessee Street. The applicant is proposing exterior improvements to meet the owner's programmatic needs of a new concrete patio and stair entrance for direct street access from G.E. Patterson. The store will house food, groceries, drinks, and coffee for residents, workers, and visitors to the South Main Neighborhood. The changes to the pedestrian view will include: a new patio with stairs and handrails, a new main entrance, a new storefront, exterior signage, and rework of the existing sidewalk. Applicants Nick Barbarian and Ryan Morris were present to answer any question. After board discussion, Deni Reilly made the motion to approve the application as submitted, Michelle Ye seconded the motion. Christine Taylor called roll for approval from each attending board member, the motion passed unanimously.

DRB #21-32 337 South Fourth Street – Brown Girls, LLC

Katie Flynn presented the DRB application for exterior renovation for property located at 337 South Fourth Street. This major renovation will include fifteen (15) retail spaces, twelve (12) of which will operate as micro-suites. Four (4) multi-family apartment units will be accessible

through an exterior staircase along the western façade of the building. The exterior improvements include tuck-point and masonry work, brick repair, new steel doors and frames, a new storefront, new windows and new exterior paint. Interior work will consist of structural improvements, a new elevator, and misc. building improvements including electrical work. Project Architect, Jimmie Tucker made a few brief comments. After board discussion, Rod DeBerry made the motion to approve the application as submitted, Colin McDoniel seconded the motion. Christine Taylor called roll for approval from each attending board member, the motion passed unanimously.

DRB #21-33 363 South Second Street – WLOK Radio

Katie Flynn presented the DRB application for exterior renovations for property located at 363 South Second Street. The changes funded by the South City Good Neighbor Grant include renovations to all three structures on the site. The scope of work includes exterior building repair, painting, new awnings, new fencing, landscaping, and door and storefront repair. The main office will be repainted in vibrant colors and the storefront entry system will be updated. The existing glass block window will be filled with masonry brick and painted. An existing metal awning above the second entrance will be removed. The sales office will be painted to match the main office, new awnings will be installed along with new stairs and railings, windows, and landscaping. The third structure will be painted in coordinating colors to create a campus-like atmosphere amongst the three buildings. Applicant Dorrit Gilliam and Architect Jimmie Tucker was present to answer questions and make brief comments. After board discussion, Deni Reilly made the motion to approve the application as submitted, with the condition to add planters/landscaping. Rod DeBerry seconded the motion. Christine Taylor called roll for approval from each attending board member, the motion passed unanimously.

DRB #21-30 317 North Main Street – Alcenia’s

Abe Lueders presented the DRB application for exterior renovation for property located at 317 North Main Street. The proposed exterior renovations to 317 N. Main include a refresh of the building’s Main St. façade, as well as an accessible entrance and patio on the building’s north side. The brick on the building’s Main St. façade will be repainted white, while the wood trim around the building’s storefront windows and doors will be painted a contrasting black. The existing awnings on Main St. will be re-covered, and new gooseneck light fixtures will be installed above. A central door that currently sits between the building’s two retail bays will be replaced with a window providing an additional view into the building. An accessible ramp with safety railings will lead to a new patio on the building’s north side. A new door on this side of the building will provide a wheelchair accessible entrance. New exterior light fixtures will also be placed along the building’s north side, and a dining counter with bar seating will be placed at the edge of the patio, adjacent to the sidewalk. The applicant also plans to add a mural to the north side of the building, and will submit a final design at a later date. Applicant BJ Chester Tamayo and Architect Jimmie Tucker was present to answer questions. After board discussion, Michelle Ye made the motion to approve the application as submitted with the condition to return for approval of public art. Deni Reilly seconded the motion. Christine Taylor called roll for approval from each attending board member, the motion passed unanimously.

DRB #21-31 Mud Island River Park Seasonal Activations

Abe Lueders presented the DRB application for Temporary Public Art located on Mud Island south lawn. The proposed art installation consists of three vinyl mesh panels displayed on a tiered scaffolding structure located on Mud Island Park’s south lawn. Together, the panels will read “WE HAVE NO TIME FOR THINGS WITH NO SOUL.” The face of the installation will measure 46 ft. (h) by 40 ft. (w), and the scaffolding will have a total depth of 23 ft. 8 in. The text will be displayed across three separate panels, each composed of vinyl mesh, and installed on a different tier of the scaffolding. The first panel will read “WE HAVE,” followed by “NO TIME FOR THINGS WITH NO,” and then by the last panel which will simply read “SOUL.” The top and bottom panels will feature black text on a yellow background, while the middle panel will feature yellow text on a black background. A line of 54 colorful nylon flags with poles ranging from 8 ft. to 10 ft. high will stretch to the north and south of the installation, leading visitors to the southern end of the island. Several public comments were emailed to staff prior to the start of meeting and were shared with board members. The board also heard several public comments disapproving of the public art installation for attending quest Jerred Price, Jennifer Booker and Scott Harris. A few public concerns are the scale and the color of the sign. The Applicant Carol Coletta (MRPP) and Meg Johnson made a few brief comments and was available to answer questions. After a lengthy board discussion, Rod DeBerry made the motion to reject the application as submitted, and the applicant will return with a modified application. Colin McDoniel seconded the motion. Christine Taylor called roll for approval from each attending board member, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.