



MINUTES OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
4:00 PM

Board Members Present: Ray Brown, Rebecca Conrad, Roderick DeBerry, Valentina Cochran, Colin McDoniel and Deni Reilly, Brett Ragsdale (non-voting)

Board Members Absent: Joyce Selina Love, Sheila Urevbu and Suhair Lauck

DMC Staff Present: Jennifer Oswalt, Brett Roler, Christine Taylor, Erik Stevenson, Penelope Springer, Penelope Huston, and Abe Lueders

Guests: Ellery Ammons, James Stokes, Vince Smith, Jacob Steimer, June West, Mark Weaver, Joshua Love, Gordon Alexander, Cassy Odom, Scott Fleming, Tom Marsh, Adam Slovis, Cory Brady, David Lewis, Mark Allmon, Tom Bailey, Holly Fulkerson, Tamara R, Tre Yancy, Susannah Barton, Emily Halpern, Chuck Crawford, and Don Williams

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

Ray Brown called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM Roderick DeBerry made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 08, 2020 DRB meeting as submitted. Valentina Cochran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ray Brown explained the meeting process and asked attending guests if they would like to make comments to please fill out comment cards.

III. Current Applications:

DRB #19-149 Poplar Art Lofts, 1935 Poplar Avenue

Abe Lueders presented the DRB application for new construction for property located at 1935 Poplar Avenue. The proposed building features four residential floors built on top of a ground-floor parking structure, for a total of five floors. In addition to parking space, the northwest and northeast corners of the ground floor feature commercial space that will either be leased or used by the building owner as leasing offices or amenity space. The northwest corner space is recessed from the street, forming a modest plaza that can be used for outdoor seating. The building's primary residential entrance at the corner of Poplar and Tucker will be shared with the commercial space at the northeast corner. Vince Smith updated the board about two modifications.

Chairman Brown called for Public Comment. Gordon Alexander and June West explained their concerns for the new building design fitting in the neighborhood and also addressed changes being made from the original rendering.

Rebecca Conrad made the motion to approve the application as submitted, Roderick DeBerry seconded the motion. After board discussion, Rebecca Conrad motioned to amend previous

motion and request that the applicant return with a final design that reflects neighbors and OPD suggested changes and concerns. The amended motion was seconded by Rod DeBerry, which passed unanimously.

DRB #19-133 One Beale, 245 S Front Street

Abe Lueders presented the One Beale update request for property located at 245 South Front Street that was previously approved by the board. The primary reason for the update would be to add an additional level of the hotel now topping out at approximately 121' 2". Rebecca Conrad made the motion to approve the application as presented, Colin McDoniel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DRB #20-05 Health Sciences Park

Abe Lueders presented the DRB application for wayfinding signage package for property located at 799 Madison Avenue. The applicant is planning on installing a set of thirteen wayfinding signs in the park. These signs will mark the park's entrances, and delineate two distinct walking routes through the park, with mile markers to help walkers track their progress. The goal is to draw people into the park, and encourage active use of the park's pedestrian pathways. Valentina Cochran made the motion to approve the application as presented, Rebecca Conrad seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DRB #20-03 Conwood, 46 Keel Avenue

Abe Lueders presented the DRB application for renovation & exterior alteration for property located at 46 Keel Avenue. All the visible masonry and stonework will be cleaned and restored, windows will be replaced, and the existing low-slope roof will be replaced with a code-compliant roof with functional roof drains. A new parapet wall will be added to the roof on top of the existing cornice to facilitate the new roof. Rebecca Conrad made the motion to approve the application as presented, Roderick DeBerry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.