

MINUTES OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 4:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chairman Ray Brown, Ms. Joyce Selina Love, Mr. Rod DeBerry, Ms. Suhair Lauck, Ms. Valentina Cochran, Mr. Brian Bacchus, Ms. Sheila Urevbu, Mr. Colin McDoniel, Ms. Rebecca Conrad and Ms. Deni Reilly

Board Members Absent: None

DMC Staff Present: Ms. Jennifer Oswalt, Mr. Abe Lueders, Ms. Penelope Huston, Ms. Penelope Springer, Mr. Jaske Goff, and Ms. Ellery Ammons

Guests: Mr. Vince Smith, Mr. Brett Ragsdale, Mr. Gregory Lutz, Mr. Mark Weaver, Mr. Gary Price, Mr. Aldo Dean, Mr. Eric Bourgeois, Mr. Jonathan Thomas, Mr. Blas Betancourt, Mr. Christopher Speltz and Mr. Mark Allmon

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

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. Ms. Lauck made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2018 DRB meeting as submitted. Ms. Selina-Love seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Current Applications:

DRB #18-102 - Hyatt Centric, 33 Beale St.

Ms. Ammons reviewed the DRB application for the new construction and exterior renovation the Hyatt Centric. Following a discussion of the design and the treatment of the site, the applicant referenced returning to a later DRB Board meeting with the additional components needed to complete their application. Ms. Reilly made the motion to approve the application and conditions as submitted, and Ms. Conrad seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DRB #18-100 – Slider Inn, 363 Mulberry St.

Ms. Ammons reviewed the DRB application for the exterior renovation and site improvements for the Slider Inn. The board asked Greg Price and Aldo Dean a few questions about the project and design, including questions about the renderings to ensure they understood how the project was being portrayed in the drawings. Ms. Reilly made the motion to approve the application and conditions as submitted additionally requesting updated renderings to be submitted to staff and to update their application, and Ms. Selina-Love seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DRB #18-94 – Museum Lofts, 138 Huling Ave.

Ms. Ammons reviewed the application for new construction for the Museum Lofts. The board asked questions of the architect including recommendations to slightly alter the design. With a growing list of recommendations, Chairman Brown suggested the board members send Ms. Ammons their comments about the project for the architect to use to modify the building's design and return to the board.

DRB #18-101 - 226 & 236 Lauderdale

Ms. Ammons reviewed the DRB application for the exterior renovation for 226 & 236 Lauderdale and the board asked questions of the project's architect, Brett Ragsdale. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Reilly made the motion to approve the application as submitted, and Ms. Conrad seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. Chair's Report

Chairman Brown updated the board on the Downtown Master Plan including the Stantec Project Team's visit, project goals, and an updated timeline.

V. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 PM.