



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

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
4:00 PM

Board Members Present: Ray Brown, Rebecca Conrad, Brett Ragsdale, Roderick DeBerry, Joyce Selina Love, Suhair Lauck and Colin McDoniel

Board Members Absent: Sheila Urevbu, Valentina Cochran and Deni Reilly

DMC Staff Present: Jennifer Oswalt, Brett Roler, Christine Taylor, Ellery Ammons and Erik Stevenson

Guests: Ken Welch, James Stokes, Adams Slovis, Billy Orgel, Desiree Stennett, Austin Magruder, Maggie Lloyd, Jonathan Tate and Don Williams

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

Ray Brown called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM. Roderick DeBerry made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2019 DRB meeting as submitted. Rebecca Conrad seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Current Applications:

DRB #19-1311 – 61 Keel Avenue

Ellery Ammons presented the DRB application for exterior renovation for property located at 61 Keel Avenue. The proposed design combines various buildings and materials in a single unified design that clearly transforms the building into its new function as a unified event space. The corner space is the only exclusion of the new event space which will serve as a separate commercial tenant with a separate entrance. The historic masonry facades will be retained, refurbished and repaired, also windows will be refurbished. Rebecca Conrad made the motion to approve the application as presented, Suhair Lauck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DRB #19-132 – Ambassador Hotel, 345 South Main Street

Ellery Ammons presented the DRB application for exterior renovation for property located at 345 South Main Street. The applicant plans a full renovation of the 15,000 sq. ft. building for a restaurant tenant on the ground floor and a total of 10 apartments on the upper floors. An outdoor patio in support of the restaurant will be added to the parking area immediately south of the building. The upper two floors will be leased by a short-term rental company under a 5-year master lease. Applicant Austin McGruder was present to answer questions from board. Joyce Selina Love 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 4:31 PM.