



**Design Review Board (DRB) Staff Report**  
*Prepared for the October 2, 2024 DRB Meeting*

Exterior Renovation

Case # 24-74:

MMEFCU Good Neighbor Grant  
577 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Memphis, TN 38126

Applicant:

Delphine Price, CEO  
Memphis Employee Federal Credit Union  
577 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Memphis, TN 38126

Background:

DRB review is required for this project because it received a Good Neighbor Grant at the March 20, 2024 Center City Development Corporation (CCDC) Board Meeting.

The subject property is a single story office building built in 1985. It houses the Memphis Municipal Employee Federal Credit Union. The creation of the credit union coincides with the civil rights movement that includes the 1968 Sanitation Workers Strike.

Project Description:

The MMEFCU is looking to improve and highlight the building following their 60 year anniversary. Their history has been highlighted by a historic marker dedication that can be found in front of the building. Additionally, there will be an "I AM A MAN" statue in the tellers lobby. The grant-funded exterior improvements will focus not only on aesthetic but also on safety and accessibility.

The trim wood will be inspected and rotten wood will be replaced. It will then be painted terra cotta to match the existing color. The gutter around the roof line will also be repaired and repainted as necessary to match the existing.

The north and south entrances will receive attention with the concrete work there being largely replaced. At the north and main entrance, the existing ADA ramp will be demolished and a new ramp will be built that complies with code requirements. New metal rails will be installed as well.

At the west side entrance, the existing stairs and landing will be demolished and replaced to match the existing dimensions. The

existing awning frame will be repaired as needed. The awning will receive one of two potential treatments. It will either (1) be recovered with black Sunbrella fabric to cover an area projects by four (4) feet and is eight (8) feet wide or (2) the awning will be rebuilt so the cover is also metal.

**Staff Report:**

The renovation of the Memphis Municipal Employee Federal Credit Union is composed of mostly replace-in-kind work. The concrete work at the entrance will be done to ensure that the credit union is accessible to people of all abilities. This aligns with the Good Neighbor Grant goals of making buildings more welcoming.

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Staff recommends approval, (with conditions if necessary)**