

AGENDA
KNOXVILLE HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION
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MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008

- Call to Order
- Introduction of Visitors
- [Approval of Minutes – October 16 , 2008, meeting](#)
- Reports to Commission: Tom Reynolds, Sharon Boyce, Chairman Nic Arning
- [Staff Report \(Level I Certificates\): Ann Bennett](#)
- Certificates of Appropriateness

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Fourth and Gill H-1

[1120 Luttrell Avenue](#) – David Kerns (Applicant), Craig Eutz (Owner) – Certificate No. 1030084&G

Work Description

Increase size of front porch with hexagonal side addition 5 feet deep from edge of existing porch. Porch addition to travel between 5 and 6 feet down side of building. Porch roof to be supported by square wood columns to match existing, with sawn wood brackets, balustrade of edge butted 1x4 or 1x6 boards with secondary sawn pattern, wood tongue and groove porch floor, bead board ceiling, applied trim feature above the bay window; increase overhang above porch to match depth of overhang existing above bay window. Brick foundation to match existing brick foundation. Porch ceiling to be either shingles or metal standing seam.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 1003084&G. Proposed addition to front porch will enhance, rather than conflict with the building's architectural design, by making the porch large enough to provide exterior seating. The original porch design is unknown.

Additional Comments

Extending the beam above the bay will improve the appearance of the front façade, while providing some additional protection from the rain. Replacement columns will improve the porch's appearance, as will the addition of brackets and the embellishment proposed to be located over the bay window.

[813 Deery Street](#) – Kevin Nelson (Owner/Applicant) – Certificate No. 1021084&G

Work Description

Repair fascia, soffit, siding as necessary, in kind; remove existing porch railing of sawn wood 2x2 spindles on 6" center set into top and bottom rails; replace porch rail with small dimension turned wood spindles set into top and bottom rails on 3" centers.

Staff Recommendation

DENY Certificate No. 1021084&G. The railing installed on the house is inappropriate because of the height required by contemporary building codes.

Additional Comments

813 Deery is thought to be a George F. Barber design. However, the design has not been located in Barber's catalogues, so the design of the original railing has not been found. At the time of designation, the porch railing was a short, sawn wood railing with square balusters; that design was not appropriate to the house. The applicant, realizing the inappropriateness of that design, replaced it with a railing of turned balusters, set into the top and bottom rails, and closely spaced.

Current building codes require that a railing be 36" high if a railing is required. The rail was installed at that height, and at that height, looks inappropriate. The porch floor appears to be only 16-20" above the ground, and therefore does not require a railing. If the applicant wishes to install a railing to improve the appearance of the house, that new railing also does not need to be 36" high because the height of the porch floor does not require one. Staff recommendation is that one of two courses be followed: 1) remove the railing altogether; or 2) design a new railing at the appropriate height. If the applicant chooses the second alternative, the railing should be shortened approximately 10-12".

Old North Knoxville H-1

110 E. Scott Avenue – Glen Lowery (Owner/Applicant) – Certificate No. 102708ONK

Work Description

Constructing a walk-in closet on the existing patio with in-kind materials, under shed roof that extends the already existing shed roof. Addition is on the rear elevation of the house and will not be visible from Scott Avenue.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 102708ONK. The room the applicant proposes to add to the house is at the rear of the building, not visible from Scott. The design guidelines provide that additions are to be at the rear of the historic building.

Additional Comments

See adopted design guidelines, pg. 28, L 1, 3, 4 and 6.

1230 Armstrong Avenue – Robin Fiore (Applicant), Catherine Sell (Owner) – Certificate No. 110708ONK

Work Description

Construct frame garage in side yard, halfway back from front line of house, with garage door opening to Armstrong.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 110708ONK WITH MODIFICATIONS. Applicant wants to place garage half way back of the front façade of the building. Design guidelines state "Garages shall be located to the rear of the primary building on the lot."(M3, pg. 29)

Additional Comments

The adopted design guidelines, M3 (pg. 29) provide that "Garages shall be located to the rear of the primary building on the lot."

Market Square H-1

9 Market Square – Michael Aktalay, Sanders Pace Architecture, LLC (Applicant), Emory Place Partners, LLC, John Craig (Owner) – Certificate No. 110608MKT

Work Description

Replace existing aluminum storefront system with new standard wood and glass system and luxfer glass transoms; replace or add historically appropriate cornice; replace existing windows with new wood two over two double hung windows; add new awning of shelf design; add new blade sign projecting from building with no more than 9 sq. ft. (overall dimension of sign.)

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 100608MKT. Proposed designs are consistent with design guidelines.

Additional Comments

NOTE: A plan note calls for a stain color for the storefront to be selected by the architect. Color is not a concern, but care should be taken to use an opaque stain that will mimic a paint coat on the storefront, so that the surface nearly resembles a painted wooden surface.

General

803 S. Gay Street – Mark Heinz (Applicant), Bijou Theatre (Owner) – Certificate No. 110608GEN

Work Description

Install new marquee and blade sign. Vertical blade sign will replicate sign from the 1930s and will be located within the same bay on the building. Sign exterior - aluminum sheet metal, painted, in a blue color, with a white neon light band at the perimeter, and the decorative cap and the word Bijou outlined in LEDs, all static. The word "theatre" at the base of the blade sign will be cut into the aluminum sheet and internally lit.

The marquee sign is three sided and similar to the 1930s version of the marquee. The materials and finishes are similar to the blade sign, with the backing of the lettering portion made of translucent acrylic internally lit with fluorescent lighting.

Size of blade sign: 16' tall, with 2'5" width for majority of blade and 4'2-3/8" width for capitol. Dominant plane of marquee, 16'.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 110608GEN, which is consistent with the historic theater use of the building, and with the Secretary of Interior's Standards adopted as design guidelines for the building.

Additional Comments

As the attached photographs illustrate, when the building was converted to a theater, the blade sign and marquee (since removed) were dominant features of the façade, affirming the building's use as a theatre.

601 W. Summit Hill Drive - Sparkman and Associates (Applicant), Old City Hall Knoxville Partnership (Owner) – Certificate No. 110508GEN

Work Description

Install entry door and landing with stairs on north elevation of brick building noted as Building #7 in the National Register nomination, which is behind the main building, facing a residential high rise. Landing and stairs will rest on brick piers and will be painted steel, and will have standing seam roof covering to match the existing roof.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 110508GEN. The proposed entrance will be located on an inconspicuous elevation to the rear of the building, is designed appropriately to blend with the overall design of the building, and is necessary to satisfy exit codes.

501 W. Main Street - Tim Pope/Advanced Signs (Applicant), Samuel Furrow (Owner) – Certificate No. 102808GEN

Work Description

Install indirect lighting for monument sign on Cumberland Avenue.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate No. 102808GEN. The sign that will receive indirect lighting is at the rear of the building outside the wall that parallels Cumberland. Indirect lighting will not affect the building's architectural integrity.

Other Business

Election of Officers

The next meeting of the Knoxville and Knox County Historic Zoning Commissions will be held on December 18, at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.