

Meeting: 1/19/2022
Project: Supreme Court Building Signage
Applicant: Robin Easter

Property Information

Location: 625 Cumberland Ave.

Parcel ID 94 M C 01503

Zoning: DK (Downtown Knoxville)

Description:

Mid-twentieth-century, Art Deco-style State Supreme Court building clad in Tennessee pink marble with an adjacent six-story addition towards the rear.

Description of Work

Level I Sign

New signage package for adaptive reuse of Tennessee State Supreme Court building and adjacent office tower. Signage includes three new signs: two wall signs and one projecting/blade sign.

Wall sign 1: to be located on the left side of east elevation (original building façade, fronting Locust Street). Wall sign measures 3.5' tall by 10' wide (35 sq. ft.) and features dimensional metal gold script lettering, which will be attached to the exterior limestone cladding.

Wall sign 2: to be located on the right side of west elevation (fronting Henley Street). Wall sign to measure 2.5' tall by 7.5' wide (18.75 sq. ft.) and features dimensional metal gold script lettering, attached to the exterior cladding.

Projecting sign: to be located on southwest corner of building (fronting Henley Street and Cumberland). Projecting sign measures 24.5' tall overall (19' tall letters with 5.5' of total additional detail on top and bottom) and 3' wide (73.5' sq. ft.). Sign features internally illuminated letters with additional lighting via gold tube lights with opaque white minimal bulbs at the end.

Applicable Design Guidelines

Downtown Design Guidelines

B. The Traditional Grid District

1. Signs

- 1a. Wall signs on sign boards that are above a transom or first story and mounted flush to the building façade.
 - 1b. Projecting signs of modest size (9 square feet, maximum); a larger sign must be approved by the board.
 - 1c. Window signs, less than 30 percent coverage, including neon signs
 - 1d. Building name sign and /or building directory
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Comments

The property is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places so the Historic Resources section of the

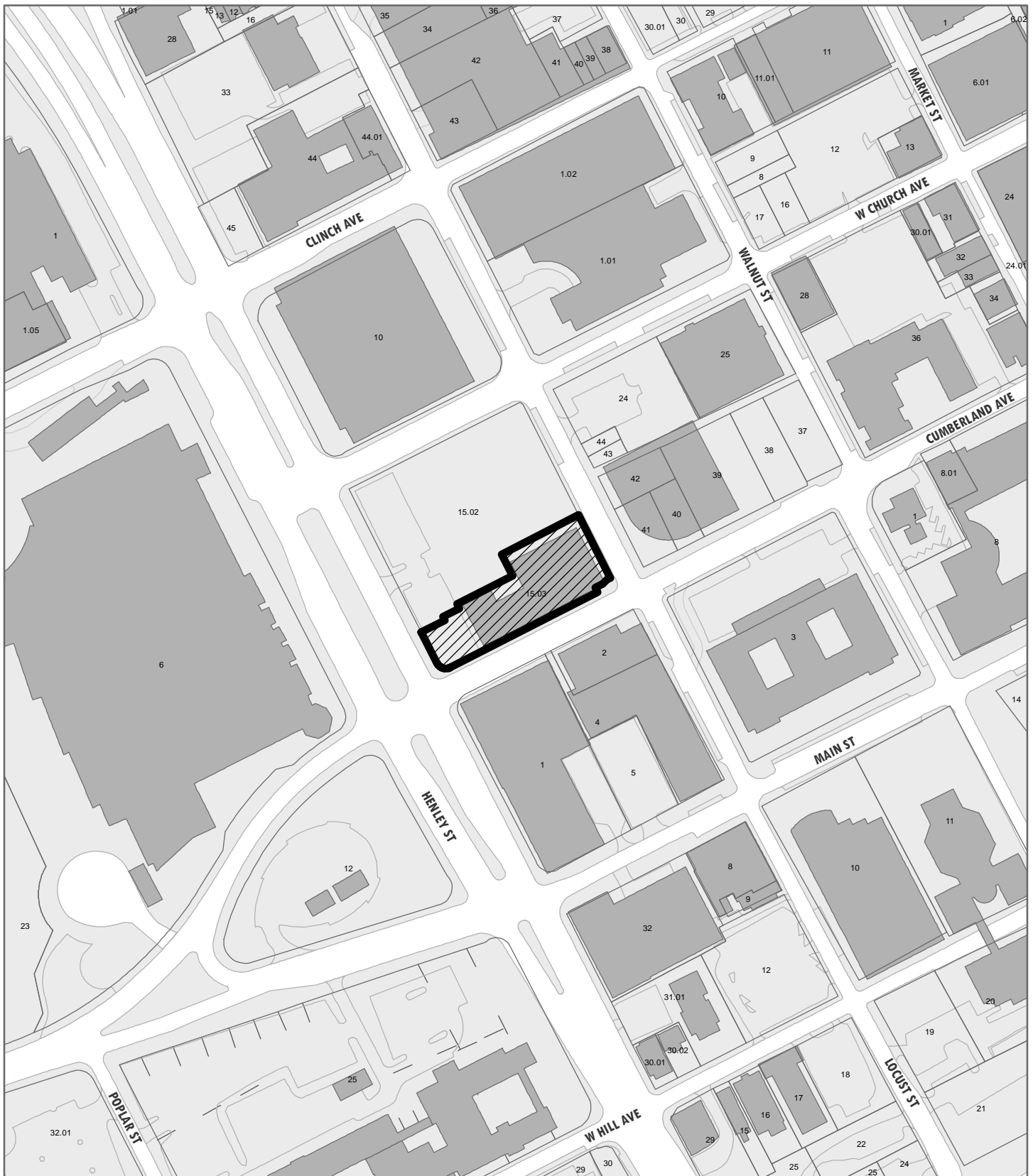
guidelines does not apply. The building is considered "eligible" for the National Register.

While the projecting sign is significantly larger than the 9 square feet recommended in the design guidelines, it is appropriately scaled to the multi-story building and intended to be visible from Henley Street and Cumberland Avenue.

One wall sign is proposed for the east elevation, which is the original façade of the Tennessee State Supreme Court building. The sign is proposed to be fixed directly to the historic limestone panels, which will require multiple new connection points (most likely holes drilled into the wall) to receive the sign. No existing holes are currently visible on the area to receive the sign. The limestone panels also have very narrow "joints" which would most likely not suffice as connection points for the new sign. As the limestone cladding is the primary character-defining feature of the building, all efforts should be made to reduce the number of connection points for the proposed wall sign, or the sign could be redesigned as a projecting or window sign to reduce impact on the building's historic materials. The applicant should provide information on how they intend to reduce the number of connection points/new holes drilled into the exterior limestone veneer, or provide a revised sign design. Such information will be also relevant to the wall sign fronting Henley Street.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 1-B-22-DT, subject to one condition: 1) applicant provide revised wall sign proposal which reduces the number of connection points/new holes drilled into the exterior limestone veneer, or provide a revised sign design which minimizes the effect on historic limestone veneer elements.



1-B-22-DT

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

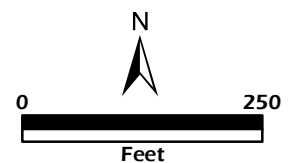
**DOWNTOWN
DESIGN
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BOARD**



**625 Cumberland Ave.
Level 1: Sign**

Original Print Date: 1/10/2022
Revised:
Knoxville/Knox County Planning · Downtown Design Review Board

**Petitioner: Robin Easter, Robin Easter
Design**





DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

- ☐ DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)
- ☐ HISTORIC ZONING (H)
- ☐ INFILL HOUSING (IH)

Applicant

Date Filed

Meeting Date (if applicable)

File Number(s)

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence related to this application should be directed to the approved contact listed below.

- ☐ Owner ☐ Contractor ☐ Engineer ☐ Architect/Landscape Architect

Name

Company

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

CURRENT PROPERTY INFO

Owner Name (if different from applicant)

Owner Address

Owner Phone

625 Cumberland Ave

094MC01503

Property Address

Parcel ID

Neighborhood

Zoning

AUTHORIZATION

Lindsay Crockett

Lindsay Crockett

1.3.22

Staff Signature

Please Print

Date

Applicant Signature

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Date

REQUEST

DOWNTOWN DESIGN

Level 1:

- ☐ Signs ☐ Alteration of an existing building/structure

Level 2:

- ☐ Addition to an existing building/structure

Level 3:

- ☐ Construction of new building/structure ☐ Site design, parking, plazas, landscape

See required Downtown Design attachment for more details.

☐ Brief description of work: _____

HISTORIC ZONING

Level 1:

- ☐ Signs ☐ Routine repair of siding, windows, roof, or other features, in-kind; Installation of gutters, storm windows/doors

Level 2:

- ☐ Major repair, removal, or replacement of architectural elements or materials ☐ Additions and accessory structures

Level 3:

- ☐ Construction of a new primary building

Level 4:

- ☐ Relocation of a contributing structure ☐ Demolition of a contributing structure

See required Historic Zoning attachment for more details.

☐ Brief description of work: _____

INFILL HOUSING

Level 1:

- ☐ Driveways, parking pads, access point, garages or similar facilities ☐ Subdivisions

Level 2:

- ☐ Additions visible from the primary street ☐ Changes to porches visible from the primary street

Level 3:

- ☐ New primary structure
☐ Site built ☐ Modular ☐ Multi-Sectional

See required Infill Housing attachment for more details.

☐ Brief description of work: _____

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ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Downtown Design Checklist
☐ Historic Zoning Design Checklist
☐ Infill Housing Design Checklist

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Property Owners / Option Holders

Level 1: \$50 • Level 2: \$100 • Level 3: \$250 • Level 4: \$500

FEE 1:

FEE 2:

FEE 3:

TOTAL:

THE TRIBUTE

SIGN MOCKUPS

FOR DOVER SIGNATURE PROPERTIES

1-3-2022



ENTRANCE SIGN



ENTRANCE SIGN

The Tribute

spot lit at night



ENTRANCE SIGN

2 qty

(1) Locust entrance 10 × 3.5 ft

(1) Henley entrance 7.5 × 2.5 ft

dimensional metal gold script lettering

spot lit at night

The Tribute



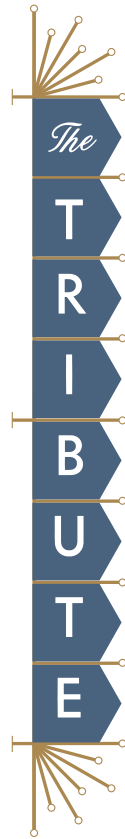
BLADE SIGN MOCKUP

1 qty

24.5'h × 3'w × 1'd



side view



white dimensional
illuminated letters

sputnik style gold tube elements with
opaque white minimal bulbs on the end

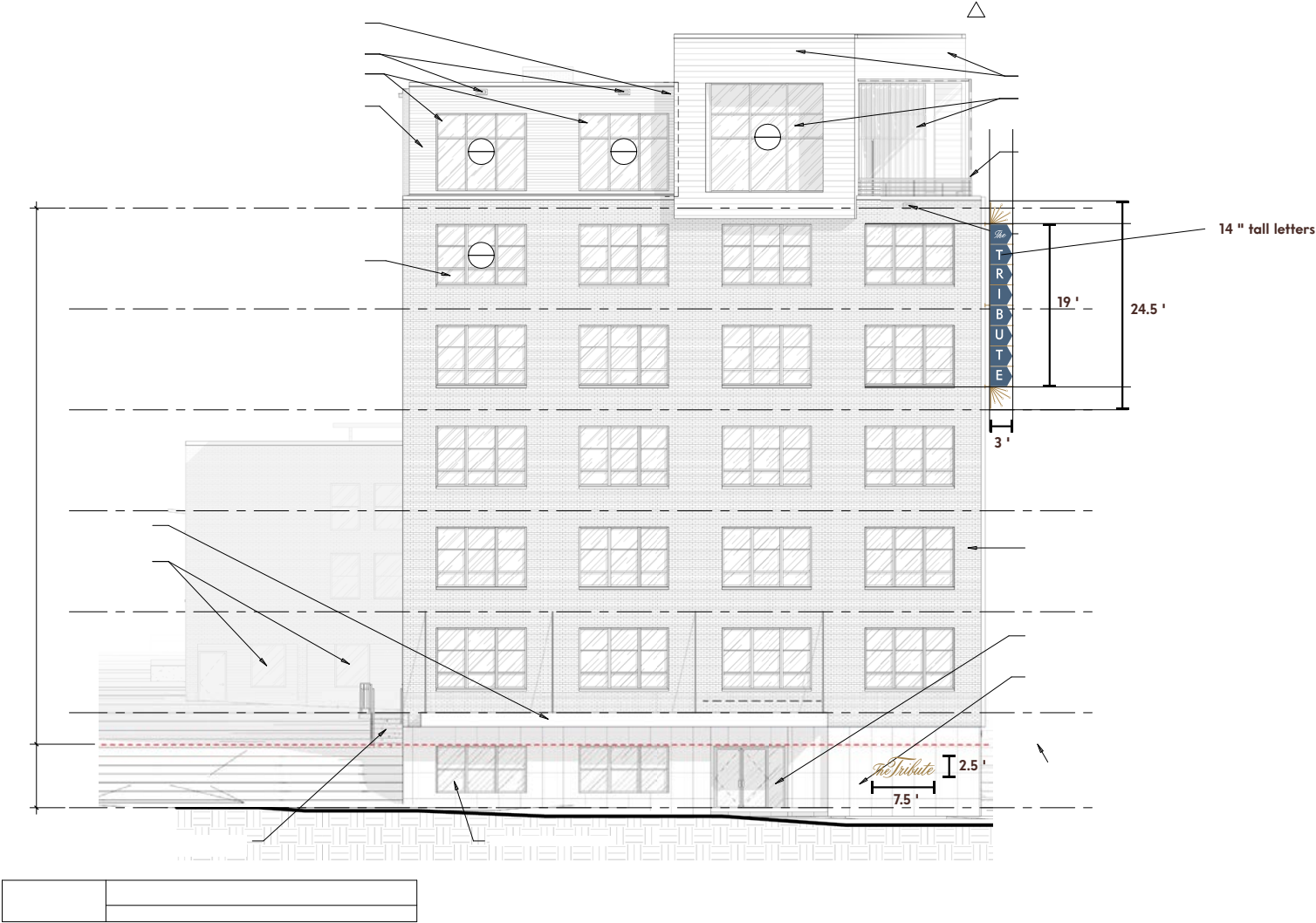


sign inspiration



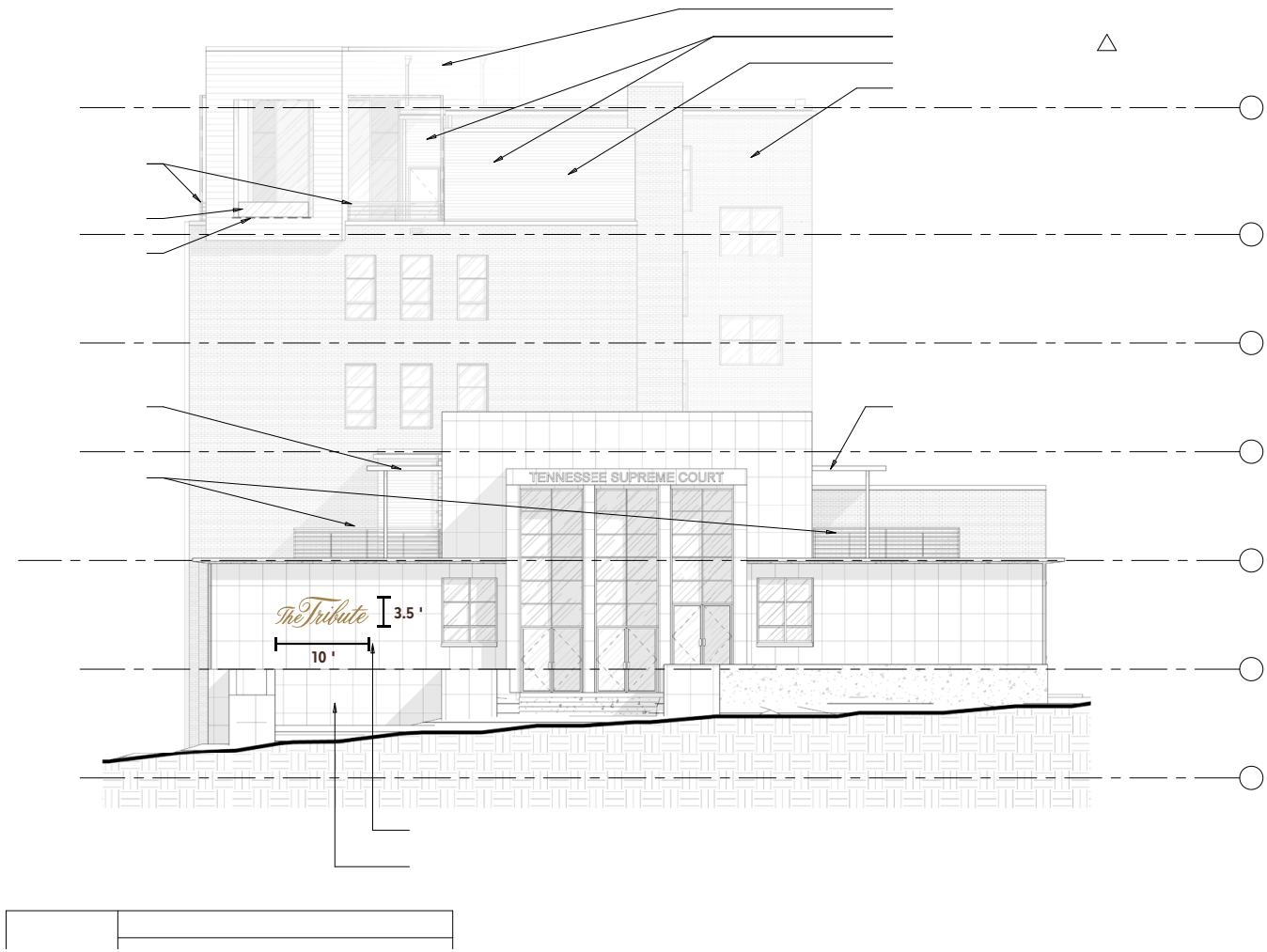
WEST ELEVATION

MOCKUP



EAST ELEVATION

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