

Staff Report

Design Review Board

File Number: 12-B-23-DT

Meeting:	12/20/2023
Project:	Kennedy Sign
Applicant:	Baker Jones Signco Inc.

Property Information

Location: 430 S. Gay St.

Parcel ID 95 | A 031

Zoning: DK (Downtown Knoxville) Description:

Three-story commercial building clad in brick with a ground-level storefront reconstructed in 2013.

Description of Work

Level I Sign

New sign for the ground-level tenant. The sign is a rectangular sign, measuring 12'-4" wide by 3' tall at its largest, and will feature neon illumination on the text and borders. The sign is proposed for the building's transom area, centered above the primary entry, and will project out from the building. The sign is proposed to be attached to the framing above and below the existing multi-light transom windows.

Applicable Design Guidelines

Downtown Design Guidelines

B. PRIVATE REALM

4. ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER

4c. Scale first floor signs to pedestrians.

4d. Differentiate the architectural features of ground floors from upper floors with traditional considerations such as show-windows, transoms, friezes, and sign boards.

C. HISTORIC RESOURCES

7. RECOMMENDED SIGNS

7a. Locate signs above storefront windows, below second-story windows on the sign board, or on the storefront windows themselves (30% is maximum coverage), or off the front of the building as a projecting sign (maximum size: 9 square feet).

7b. Create signs that are proportional to the building where they are located.

7c. Do not light signs internally.

B. THE TRADITIONAL GRID DISTRICT

1. RECOMMENDED SIGNS

1a. Wall signs on sign boards that are above a transom or first story and mounted flush to the building façade.

Comments

430 S. Gay Street is a contributing resource to the Gay Street Commercial Historic District, so the Historic Resources

section of the guidelines applies.

Drawings indicate the sign is a three-dimensional rectangle which projects out from the building. The face of the sign, at 10' wide by 2'-8" tall, the sign is proposed at 26.6 sq. ft. Extending the full length of the central entryway and most of the height of the transom, the sign will be large in size and not proportionate to the building.

The guidelines recommend signs above storefront windows on signboards, or off the building as a projecting sign; the proposed sign is a combination of the two, but not a form that's present on Gay Street's historic buildings. Moreover, the proposed sign will obscure the multilight transom windows, which are a character-defining feature of the historic building.

The application packet does not include a side view, depicting how far the sign projects out from the building, details on how the sign would be connected to the storefront trim, or information on the electrical work required to light a neon sign.

Recommendation

Staff recommends postponement of Certificate 12-B-23-DT, to allow for additional information on the sign's placement, installation, and design; revisions should also include a reduction in size to be more proportionate to the building and storefront.





DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

□ HISTORIC ZONING (H)

□ INFILL HOUSING (IH)

Baker Jones

Applicant			
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CORRESPONDENCE

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

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CURRENT PROPERTY INFO

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430 S. Gay St.	095IA031		
Property Address	Parcel ID		
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AUTHORIZATION

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