

**MINUTES**  
**KNOXVILLE DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
**MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2011**  
**SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM**

**Present:**

*Kim Henry*  
*Joe Petre*  
*Carol Montgomery*  
*Jeffrey Nash*  
*Chad Boetger*  
*Anne Wallace*  
*Melvin Wright*  
*Mike Reynolds*  
*Steve King*  
*Daniel Odle*  
*Mason McGlamery*  
*Charlotte West*  
*Nanci Solomon*

**Organization:**

*APA Representative*  
*Business Representative*  
*Historic Zoning Commission Rep.*  
*Central Business District*  
*Downtown Resident Representative*  
*City of Knoxville*  
*City of Knoxville*  
*MPC*  
*City of Knoxville*  
*Sperry Van Ness/R. M. Moore*  
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*MPC*  
*Reruns*

Kim Henry, Chair, called the meeting to order. There was a quorum present, and they introduced themselves. Board members present are shown in italics.

Introduction of Ex Officio Members and Visitors

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**A motion was made by Anne Wallace and seconded by Jeffrey Nash to approve the February 16 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Certificates of Appropriateness:**

***Certificate No. 5-A-11-DT***

521 Union Ave - Reruns  
Pre-development - N/A

**Description of Work**

This proposal is for a new sign on a building that is on the National Register of Historic Places. This is a combination light, with a sign hanging below. Unlike most signs with a separate light, this light is more of a fixture on its own and it not attached solely to illuminate the sign.

The sign/light fixture will have a clearance with the sidewalk of 10 feet. The sign will be approximately 28 inches wide by 17.5 inches tall, or 3.4 square feet. The sign will be made of wood, or wood-like material, and will be painted. The sign itself will be non-illuminated.

### **Staff Recommendation**

APPROVE Certificate 5-A-11-DT subject to the following conditions: 1) the sign/light fixture is to be centered with the main entrance, and 2) the sign/light fixture is to be centered on the awning, above the sidewalk, at the same depth as the existing "Just Ripe" sign.

### **Staff Comments**

Section 1.C.7a of the Downtown Knoxville Design Guidelines states that a projecting sign shall have a maximum size of nine square feet. Section 1.C.9a of the guidelines states that the use of indirect lighting of the building façade is allowed where appropriate. Because of the unique design of this sign, staff determined the board should review the appropriateness of this sign and lighting fixture. It does not fit within a defined signage and/or lighting type in the guidelines and there has not been an approval by the board on a proposal like this in the past.

Nanci Solomon, the owner of Reruns, stated she wants to put the sign staggered from the other signs under the awning and put it closer to the building.

Anne Wallace asked if the light inside the wire frame will have a frosted globe covering. Nanci Solomon stated that the light inside the wire frame will have a frosted white globe covering the light bulb.

Nanci Solomon brought the sign to show how it will be installed hanging below a metal sculpture.

Steve King reminded the applicant that she still has to apply for a building and sign permit, if she is approved by the Downtown Design Review Board.

**A motion was made by Carol Montgomery and seconded by Jeffrey Nash to approve the sign/light fixture with the condition that the sign/light fixture be centered with the main entrance of the store. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Staff Report:**

- 101 S. Central St. (4-A-11-DT) – New sign wall sign and hanging sign, and replacement of architectural features in-kind.
  - Boyd's Jig and Reel
- 601 S. Gay St. (4-B-11-DT) – New wall signs.
  - East Tennessee History Center

### **Other Business:**

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair will be at the July 20 board meeting.

Kim Henry stated that it will be time to vote on new officers at the next meeting.

Anne Wallace announced that Downtown Wayfinding group sent a contract to the Tennessee Department of Transportation, and the city will work with them in developing the project. They hope to see the signs installed within 18-20 months. She has a draft map of the downtown area showing the signs.

Steve King gave an update on the Union Avenue and Market Street streetscape projects. On Union, they discovered there is a basement in the KUB building and have hired a structural engineer to look at it. The changes to the project have to go to City Council for their approval. He estimated that Union will be completed in 3 months. Regions Bank, which is going into ground level of the KUB building, cannot open the door on Union until it is finished. Market Street is almost complete.

Anne Wallace stated that there is new policy downtown for closures of sidewalks for construction of private property; if a sidewalk is to be closed more than 7 days, a structure has to be built over the sidewalk to maintain the pedestrian path on the sidewalk. Steve King added that this is for safety.

Anne Wallace also stated that the parking lot on E. Hill Avenue is complete and provides accessible access to the waterfront.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.