

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MEETING OF JULY 18, 2012
SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM
4:00 P.M.

Present:

Joe Petre
Anne Wallace
Chad Boetger
Bob Alcorn
Kim Henry
Mark Heinz
Mark Donaldson
Mike Reynolds
Dori Caron

Organization:

Business Representative
City of Knoxville
Resident Representative
Resident Representative
APA Representative
Business Representative
MPC
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The meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Henry. It was established that there was a quorum present. Board members present are shown in italics. New Board member Mark Heinz was introduced. New Board members Brandon Pace and Lori Matthews were unable to attend.

Action: A Motion was made by Joe Petre and seconded by Chad Boetger to approve the June 20, 2012 Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

Certificates of Appropriateness:

Certificate No. 10-H-11-DT

710 Walnut St. - 710 and 712 Walnut Street (Total Demolition Services, Inc.)
Pre-development: 10/18/2011

Description of Work

Demolition of 710 and 712 Walnut Street and removal of all structures, foundations and footings.

Add new landscaping, fencing and pedestrian gateway as shown in the attached plans. There will be a courtyard that is accessible by the public.

Staff Comments

These two buildings are not in a National Register Historic District or individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, so Section 1.B.8 (page 19) of the Downtown Knoxville Design Guidelines would apply. The Downtown Knoxville Design Guidelines state that “The demolition of buildings... may be appropriate when in compliance with the guidelines”. It also states, “If a building is demolished, all visible unutilized building material must be removed and the site must be vegetated or otherwise brought into compliance with the guidelines”.

Staff Recommendation

APPROVE Certificate 10-H-11-DT as submitted.

Discussion: The church has requested postponement until the August meeting.

Action: A Motion was made by Anne Wallace and seconded by Chad Boetger to postpone this Certificate until the August meeting. The Motion carried with Bob Alcorn and Joe Petre voting no.

Staff Report:

- 439 Union Ave – Staff approval for new hanging sign for The Tree and Vine (approximately 6.6 sq ft)

Other Business:

- Election of officers of the Board:

Discussion: Kim Henry noted there were 2 Board positions to be elected; each position currently has 2 nominations. Ms. Henry stated the Board would accept additional nominations. The positions being elected today are Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chair: Those nominated are Kim Henry and Joe Petre. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Action: A Motion was made by Chad Boetger and seconded by Anne Wallace to close the nominations for Chair. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Reynolds conducted the vote by a showing of hands.

Action: Kim Henry was elected to serve as Chair by a unanimous showing of 6 hands.

Vice Chair: Those nominated are Kim Henry and Bob Alcorn. As Ms. Henry was elected Chair the open nomination is Bob Alcorn. Mr. Alcorn withdrew his name from the nomination and nominated Joe Petre. There were no further nominations from the floor.

Action: A Motion was made by Chad Boetger and seconded by Anne Wallace to close the nominations for Vice-Chair. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Reynolds conducted the vote by a showing of hands.

Action: Joe Petre was elected to serve as Vice-Chair by a unanimous showing of 6 hands.

Mike Reynolds handed out the newly revised Administrative Rules and Procedures which include the tabling option.

A brief discussion ensued about the new parking garage and the possibility of the inclusion of retail space. It was clarified that the project did not fall under the purview of the Board.

Anne Wallace gave a brief overview of several current and future initiatives the City is involved with including the Downtown Way Finding Project and improvements on north Gay St.

Action: A Motion was made by Anne Wallace and seconded by Mark Heinz to Adjourn. The Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.