

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MEETING OF MAY 16, 2012
SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM
4:00 P.M.

Present:

Kim Henry
Anne Wallace
David Dewhirst
Matt Synowiez
Bob Alcorn
Mike Reynolds
Tom Reynolds

Organization:

APA Representative
City of Knoxville
Business Representative
CBID Representative
Resident Representative
MPC
City of Knoxville

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.

Action: A Motion was made by Matt Synowiez and seconded by Anne Wallace to approve the April 18, 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: Kim Henry stated that the Applicant has again requested postponement. David Dewhirst noted that the Applicant remains engaged in trying to find the best solution, while staying practically focused, in exploring options other than total demolition.

Action: A Motion was made by Anne Wallace and seconded by Bob Alcorn to approve postponement of the Certificate. The Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Report: None.

Other Business:

Consider for approval the [amendments](#) to the City of Knoxville Downtown Design Review Board Administrative Rules and Procedures and make a recommendation to the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Discussion: Ms. Henry noted that Mike Reynolds has made the modifications to the proposed Amendments as discussed at the April 18, 2012 Board meeting. It was again clarified that the Applicant would be making the request to remove an item from the table. A brief discussion ensued regarding adding language to the Proposed Amendments under Section B, *Tabling, Item 2, Removal from the Table*, that would clearly state that it was the Applicant who would initiate removal of an item from the table.

It was agreed that the paragraph under Section B, Number 2 would be modified to read as follows:

“At the request of the Applicant, during the monthly review of tabled proposals, the Chair or any two members of the DDRB may request that an application be removed from the table and placed on the agenda for consideration. Such application shall be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next regularly scheduled monthly public meeting. Public Notice of the application by publication will be provided in accordance with Article II hereof.”

Action: A Motion was made by Matt Synowiez and seconded by Anne Wallace to approve, as modified, the Amendments to the City of Knoxville Downtown Design Review Board and further make a recommendation to the Metropolitan Planning Commission to approve the Amendments as modified. The Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Anne Wallace and seconded by Bob Alcorn to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.