

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016
SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM
4:00 PM

Board member – Present	Board membership
Brian Pittman	Downtown Resident Representative, Architect
Anne Wallace	City of Knoxville Representative
Mike Reynolds	MPC Representative (non-voting)
Lorie Matthews	Historic Zoning Commission Representative
Mark Heinz	Downtown Owner Representative, Developer
Kristina Wright	Downtown Resident Representative
Board Member - Absent	Board membership – Absent
Chad Boetger	CBID Representative
Brandon Pace	AIA Representative
Russ Watkins	Business Development Representative
Marlene Davis	Urban Design Representative
Ex-officio & staff members	Department / Organization
Crista Cuccaro	City of Knoxville - Law Department
Dori Caron	Metropolitan Planning Commission
Marty Clay	Plans Review and Inspections
Rick Emmett	City of Knoxville Downtown Coordinator
Applicants & general public	Affiliation
Baker Jones	Signco, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Lorie Matthews. It was established that there was a quorum. Ms. Matthews asked that Board members and ex-officio members introduce themselves.

Action: A Motion was made by Mark Heinz and seconded by Kristina Wright to approve the December 16, 2015 Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

Certificate No. 2-B-16-DT

706 Walnut Street – Yassin’s Falafel House (Signco, Inc.)

Discussion: Mike Reynolds noted that City Engineering has determined that the proposed sign on the Walnut Street side would be too close to the existing STOP sign and therefore they cannot support it as presented, particularly as it is similar in color and shape to the Stop sign and is relatively large. There was consensus that the sign proposed for Church St. was approvable as submitted. A discussion then ensued that focused on the proposed Walnut St. sign that included multiple options for not only placement (on the proposed brackets) but also if the Applicant chose to consider a hanging a sign from the existing cement canopy. The discussion also included how these signs, which are proposed to be internally lit, would be powered as well as further concerns being noted with regards to the overall color. It was noted that according to the new City Sign Ordinance any hanging sign would be limited to a maximum of 6 square feet. There was a brief discussion concluding that the actually sign was approvable notwithstanding its proposed location near the STOP sign.

Action: A Motion was made by Anne Wallace and seconded by Brian Pittman to approve Certificate 2-B-16-DT per staff recommendation with the condition that the sign on Walnut Street will move to the south [on Walnut St.] and hung on the 3rd column in order to avoid conflict with other existing signs, and [the final location] must be re-submitted to staff for final approval. The Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

1. 106 East Jackson Avenue (1-A-16-DT) - Maintenance of façade and replacement of storefront trim in-kind.
2. 414 South Gay Street (1-B-16-DT) - Minor revision to approved storefront at the former JC Penney Building

Mike Reynolds reviewed the Level I Certificates approved since the last meeting.

Other Business:

Mike Reynolds noted that MPC staff are in the process of mapping all of the Downtown Design Review Board applications/Certificates of Appropriateness and will provide access to approved Certificate of Appropriateness.

Action: A Motion was made by Mark Heinz and seconded by Kristina Wright to adjourn. The Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at time.

