

**KNOXVILLE DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2019  
SMALL ASSEMBLY ROOM  
4:00 PM**

<b>Board Member - Present</b>	<b>Board Membership</b>
Mike Reynolds	Knoxville- Knox County Planning (non-voting)
Brian Pittman	Downtown Resident Representative
Sandi Swilley	Historic Zoning Commission Representative
Tim Hill	CBID Representative
Richard Foster	AIA Representative
John Thurman	Downtown Development Representative
Robin Thomas	Downtown Resident Representative
Marleen Davis	Urban Design Representative
Anne Wallace	City of Knoxville Representative
Russ Watkins	Downtown Development Representative
<b>Board Member - Absent</b>	<b>Board Membership</b>
<b>Ex-officio &amp; Staff Members</b>	<b>Department / Organization</b>
DeAnn Bogus	Plans Review and Inspections
Christina Magrans	City Law Department
Laura Edmonds	Knoxville Knox-County Planning
<b>Applicants &amp; General Public</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Raymond Yip	Fin-Two Japanese Ale House

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Pittman. It was established that there was a quorum. Mr. Pittman asked that Board members and ex-officio members introduce themselves.

**Action: A Motion was made by Comm. Tim Hill and seconded by Comm. Sandi Swilley to approve the December 19, 2018 Downtown Design Review Board Minutes, clarifying that Robin Thomas was absent at the December 19, 2018 meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.**

**Certificates of Appropriateness**

***Certificate No. 1-A-19-DT***

109 Willow Ave – Fin-Two (Raymond Yip)

Pre-development meeting: N/A

**Discussion:** Mike Reynolds reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. The project consists of the installation of two internally illuminated projecting signs and one non-illuminated wall sign. This building is located in the Southern Terminal & Warehouse (National Register) Historic District, so the Historic Resources section of the guidelines apply (Section 1.C). The Historic Resources guidelines recommend that signs not be internally illuminated. The board has approved internal illumination in the past but has consistently only approved it when light is able to penetrate only a portion of the sign face, such as the letters and decorative elements; or neon illumination. The projecting sign itself is less than 9 sq. ft., which meets the recommended guidelines. However, the key discussion before the Board is the approval of the internal illumination.

Staff recommendation is to approve Certificate 1-A-19-DT as submitted.

Comm. Russ Watkins wanted to verify that the name of the restaurant will be the painted on the wooden

sign board and not be illuminated. Mr. Reynolds confirmed that the storefront sign lettering will be painted directly onto the wood.

**A Motion was made by Comm. Tim Hill and seconded by Comm. Robin Thomas to recommend approval of Certificate No. 1-A-19-DT as submitted and per staff recommendation. The Motion carried unanimously.**

**Certificate No. 1-C-19-DT**

418 S Gay St – Status Dough (Signs-N-Such)

Pre-development meeting: N/A

**Discussion:** Mike Reynolds reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. The project consists of the installation of an internally illuminated projecting sign. This business is located in the Phoenix Building and is requesting similar signage as the neighboring Phoenix Pharmacy and Fountain. Staff is recommending that the guide wires not be attached to the second and third story pilasters (columns) because the guidelines recommend not damaging historic architectural elements and the rounded pilasters would be more challenging to fix if damaged than the flat brick façade. The Phoenix Pharmacy’s signage was approved with the same condition that the wires not be attached to the round columns on the second and third story.

Staff recommendation is to approve application 1-C-19-DT as submitted.

Comm. John Thurman expressed concern with older buildings and the constant power being provided for the lighting of illuminated signs. Comm. John Thurman questioned if exposed junction boxes should be of concern for the Board. Mr. Reynolds stated that generally that does not fall in the jurisdiction of the Downtown Design and Review Board.

Comm. Anne Wallace wanted to confirm that the guide wires being used to anchor the sign will be similar to the Phoenix Pharmacy Sign since the cables in the pictures vary in angle. The Phoenix Pharmacy cables are significantly higher than the ones in the plans for Status Dough. Mr. Reynolds confirmed that the wires will be raised in the same gradation as the neighboring business Phoenix Pharmacy.

**A Motion was made by Comm. Anne Wallace and seconded by Comm. John Thurman to approve Certificate No. 1-C-19-DT as submitted and per staff recommendation. The Motion carried unanimously.**

**Staff Reports:**

1) *Certificate No. 1-B-19-DT*

102 W. Summit Hill Dr. – Installation of a new wall sign (Old City MedSpa)

**Other Business:**

1) Workshop to discuss a proposed renovation and addition at 124 W. Summit Hill Dr. (portion of the Vine Furniture building) will be held immediately following the conclusion of the board meeting.

**Tabled:**

None

**A Motion was made by Comm. Robin Thomas and seconded by Comm. Anne Wallace to adjourn the meeting. The Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.**