

Meeting Minutes

MAY 20, 2020

4:00 P.M. | Telemeeting via ZOOM

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https://knoxplanning.org/zoning/design-review

BOARD MEMBER – PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERSHIP
Tim Hill	DKA Representative
Mike Reynolds	Knoxville Knox-County Planning
Joshua Wright	Urban Design Representative
Lisa Hood Skinner	Downtown Resident Representative
Richard Foster	AIA Representative
John Thurman	Downtown Development Representative
Robin Thomas	Downtown Resident Representative
Sandi Swilley	Historic Zoning Commission Representative
Joey Natour	Business Development Representative
BOARD MEMBER – ABSENT	BOARD MEMBERSHIP
None	
EX-OFFICIO & STAFF MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION
Christina Magrans	City Law Department
Dori Caron	Knoxville-Knox County Planning
Lindsay Crockett	Knoxville-Knox County Planning
Peter Ahrens	Plans Review and Inspections
Dawn Michelle Foster	City of Knoxville
APPLICANTS & GENERAL PUBLIC	AFFILIATION
Rick Dover	Dover Signature Properties
Jarred Arellano	Design Innovation Architects

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

Action: A Motion was made by Comm. Swilley and seconded by Comm. Skinner to approve the April 15, 2020 Design Review Board Minutes.

A roll call vote was taken.

The Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Commissioner Thomas joined the meeting at this time.

Certificates of Appropriateness

Certificate No. 5-A-20-DT

800 S. Gay St. / Parcel ID 095IG005 - First Horizon (Image360 West Knoxville)

Discussion: Mike Reynolds reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. This proposal is to replace existing First Tennessee Plaza wall sign with a First Horizon Plaza wall sign. The new sign will match the old sign in size, material and location. The sign will be 2' tall by 31' wide (62 sqft), non-illuminated, made of aluminum, and located on the east elevation of the parking garage, approximately 36' above the sidewalk grade. The Applicant was not present. There was no opposition present.

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE Certificate 5-A-20-DT as submitted.

A Motion was made by Comm. Skinner and seconded by Comm. Swilley to approve Certificate No. 5-A-20-DT as submitted per staff recommendation.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Certificate No. 5-B-20-DT

709 Locust St. / Parcel ID 094MC01503 - Tennessee State Supreme Court Building (Dover Signature Properties)

Discussion: Mike Reynolds reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. This proposal is for Apartment Dwelling Units (short term rental apartments) within the existing shell of the building. Existing lobbies will be repurposed as resident entries and common areas for the residents. A new rooftop deck will be added above the Tower portion of the property. Two new dwelling units in the upper portion of the existing courtroom will be installed and will require a new rooftop addition for access to the unit above the Supreme Court portion of the property. One window portion on the west elevation of the Tower portion will be installed to match the existing grid of windows on that elevation. Some small windows on the north side of the Tower portion will be infilled to accommodate the dwelling unit layouts and restrict view to the adjacent Church & Henley project to the north. The project includes a parking lot.

Speaking today:

Rick Dover, Dover Signature Properties Jarred Arellano, Design Innovation Architects Dawn Michelle Foster, City of Knoxville Christina Magrans, City of Knoxville

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE Certificate 5-B-20-DT subject to the following conditions: 1) All signage must be reviewed and approved by the DRB as a separate application. 2) Approval by the City of Knoxville of any changes to the development agreement (see attached).

A Motion was made by Comm. Wright and seconded by Comm. Thomas to approve Certificate No. 5-B-20-DT subject to 2 conditions, per staff recommendation.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Certificate No. 5-C-20-DT

505 S. Gay St. / Parcel ID 094LE01901 - CJ's Tacos (Pattison Sign Group)

Discussion: Mike Reynolds reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. This proposal is for installation of two non-illuminated 9 sqft projecting signs (3' tall by 3' wide) with aluminum faces and vinyl graphics. One sign is located on the Gay Street elevation on the first pilaster south (left) of the building corner. The sign will be attached to the stone pilaster and will have an 8' clearance with the sidewalk. The other sign will be located on the Union Avenue elevation in the storefront bay between the two doorways on this elevation. The mounting tube from the sign will be attached to the metal storefront system similar to the Wake Foot Sanctuary sign on the opposite side of the Union Avenue doorway. The applicant was not present. There was no opposition present.

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE Certificate 5-C-20-DT for the Union Avenue sign only

A Motion was made by Comm. Thomas and seconded by Comm. Natour to approve Certificate No. 5-C-20-DT for the Union Avenue sign only, per staff recommendation.

Comm. Thomas amended her Motion to read "to approve Certificate No. 5-C-20-DT for the Union Avenue sign only and to deny the sign for Gay Street, per staff recommendation. Comm. Natour seconded the amended Motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The Amended motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Staff Report

None

Other Business

Mike Reynolds noted the meeting will be held electronically in June. He also noted the initiative to incorporate Infill Housing Design Review Committee into the Design Review Board is moving forward after being postponed. It is on the June Planning Commission meeting Agenda.

Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 PM.