

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 21, 2020

4:00 P.M. | Telemeeting via ZOOM

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

BOARD MEMBER – PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERSHIP
Lisa Hood Skinner	Downtown Resident Representative
Richard Foster	AIA Representative
John Thurman	Downtown Development Representative
Jarrod Arellano	City of Knoxville Resident Representative
Matt DeBardeladen	Downtown Knoxville Alliance Representative
Perry Childress	East Tennessee Community Design Center
Joey Natour	Business Development Representative
BOARD MEMBER – ABSENT	BOARD MEMBERSHIP
Robin Thomas	Downtown Resident Representative
Joshua Wright	Urban Design Representative
Sandi Swilley	Historic Zoning Commission Representative
EX-OFFICIO & STAFF MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION
Christina Magrans	City Law Department
Lindsay Crockett	Knoxville Knox-County Planning
Dori Caron	Knoxville-Knox County Planning
Mike Reynolds	Knoxville-Knox County Planning
APPLICANTS & GENERAL PUBLIC	AFFILIATION
Gary Allen	Garrett Construction
Benjamin Booher	Allen Sign Company
Baker Jones	Signco, Inc.
Scott Falvey	Design Innovation Architects

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Thurman at 4:03. Mr. Thurman asked that the Board members and ex-officio staff introduce themselves. Roll call was taken and it was established that there was a quorum. Comm.

Per Governor Lee's Executive order No. 60, a determination needs to be made by this body that conducting this meeting by electronic means is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 Outbreak.

A Motion was made by Comm. Skinner and seconded by Comm. Foster that conducting this meeting by electronic means is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 Outbreak. A roll-call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

A Motion was made by Comm. Childress and seconded by Comm. Skinner to move to approve the August 6, 2020 Infill Housing Design Review Committee Minutes.

A roll call vote was taken. *The Motion carried unanimously 7-0.*

A Motion was made by Comm. DeBardelaben and seconded by Comm. Foster to move to approve the September 16, 2020 Design Review Board Minutes.

A roll call vote was taken. The Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Infill Housing Design Review Certificates of Appropriateness

Certificate No. 8-D-20-IH

1007 Freemason Street / Parcel ID 69 K D 024 - Gary Allen, Garret Construction

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. Applicant Gary Allen, 912 Crown Ridge Lane, Powell, TN was present to discuss the application for review. Mr. Allen briefly expanded on the project description and noted they had met the requirements extended by Plans Review and Inspections and Engineering. There was no opposition present.

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE Certificate 8-D-20-IH as submitted.

A Motion was made by Comm. Childress and seconded by Comm. Skinner to approve Certificate No. 8-D-20-IH as submitted and per staff recommendation.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Downtown Design Review

Certificates of Appropriateness

Certificate No. 10-B-20-DT

107 W. Main Street / Parcel ID 95 I D 917 - Benjamin Booher, Allen Sign Company (Downtown SmoothSpa)

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. Applicant Benjamin Booher, 2408 Chapman Highway, Knoxville, TN was present to discuss the application for review and had nothing further to add to the staff export. There was no opposition present.

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE Certificate 10-B-20-DT as proposed.

A Motion was made by Comm. Arellano and seconded by Comm. Natour to approve Certificate No. 10-B--20-DT as proposed and per staff recommendation.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Certificate No. 10-D-20-DT

116 S. Central Street / Parcel ID 95 H A 007 – Baker Jones, Signco, Inc. (Corks, Wine and Spirits)

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. Applicant Baker Jones, 3101 Northwest Park Drive, Knoxville, TN was present to discuss the application for review. Mr. Jones clarified that the proposed sign is actually internally illuminated and will only light where the white copy and logo are, that the black area will not be lit, and as such the light will be very subtle. There was discussion on the overall sign height if illuminated, noting it would still meet the guidelines. It was also noted there have been similarly internally illuminated signs approved when there was minimal illumination. There was no opposition present.

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE Certificate 10-D-20-DT as submitted.

A Motion was made by Comm. DeBardelaben and seconded by Comm. Foster to approve Certificate No. 10-D--20-DT as submitted and per staff recommendation.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Certificate No. 10-E-20-DT

615 State Street / Parcel ID 95 I F 004 – Scott Falvey, Design Innovation Architects (Glencoe Building)

Comm. Arellano recused himself.

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the submittal and staff recommendation. Applicant Scott Falvey, 402. S. Gay Street, Suite 201, Knoxville, TN was present to discuss the application for review. He clarified their intent on the proposed parallel placement of the decking was with respect to reflecting water (draining left to right as opposed to front to back), further noting they are also trying not to raise the deck too high so as to retain the original column height. There was no opposition present.

Staff Recommendation:

APPROVE Certificate 10-E-20-DT as proposed, with the condition that any elements requiring replacement be submitted to staff to confirm they reflect the original elements in size, material, and design.

A Motion was made by Comm. Foster and seconded by Comm. Childress to approve Certificate 10-E-20-DT as proposed, with the condition that any elements requiring replacement [such as columns or capitals] be submitted to staff to confirm they reflect the original elements in size, material, and design.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Staff Report

Certificate No. 10-C-20-DT

900 S. Gay Street / Parcel ID 0951D006 – Removal of an existing BB&T sign and the replacement of a wall sign on their sign board with a new sign that is 106 inches wide and 36 inches tall. They are in the process of rebranding.

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the staff approval issued since the last meeting.

Other Business

It was note that Sandi Swilley will be stepping down from the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission and hence, from this reciprocal position on this Board. Her seat will be filled by Rick Blackburn.

Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.