

Meeting Minutes

JULY 19, 2023

4:00 P.M. | Small Assembly Room

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

JOHN BOARD MEMBER – PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERSHIP
Perry Childress	East Tennessee Community Design Center
Matthew DeBardelaben	Downtown Knoxville Alliance Representative
Cameron Bolin	AIA Representative
Rick Blackburn, Vice-Chair	Historic Zoning Commission Representative
Jared Worsham	Downtown Resident
Josh Wright, Chair	Urban Design Representative
Joey Natour	Business Development Representative
BOARD MEMBER – EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBERSHIP
Susanne Tarovella	City of Knoxville Resident Representative
Laura Seery Cole	Downtown Resident
John Thurman	Downtown Development Representative
EX-OFFICIO & STAFF MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION
Lindsay Crockett	Knoxville-Knox County Planning
Dallas DeArmond	Knoxville-Knox County Planning
Bryan Berry	Knoxville Plans Review and Inspection
Christina Magrans-Tillery	City Law Department
APPLICANTS & GENERAL PUBLIC	AFFILIATION
Spencer Stanley	Applicant
Patrick Vivash	Contractor
Pat Boles	Applicant
Scott Busby	Architect
Kathryn Greer	Architect
Jerrod Herron	Applicant

The meeting was called to order by Chair Josh Wright at 4:01 p.m. Commissioner Wright asked that the Board members and ex-officio staff introduce themselves. Roll call was taken and it was established that there was a quorum.

Minutes

A Motion was made by Comm. Blackburn and seconded by Comm. Natour to approve the June 21, 2023, Design Review Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimous 7-0.

Staff Report

Lindsay Crockett reviewed administrative approvals issued since the last meeting.

Infill Housing Design Review

Certificates of Appropriateness

218 E. Oldham Ave. / Parcel ID 81 K G 014

New primary structure (7-A-23-IH)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 7-A-23-IH, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) final site plan to meet City Engineering standards;
- 2) vinyl siding to feature an overlap similar to wood lap siding instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding.

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the application and the staff recommendation.

Applicant Spencer Stanley, 706 Cedar Lane #6, Knoxville, TN 37912, was present to discuss the application for review. There was no opposition present.

A Motion was made by Comm. Natour and seconded by Comm. Childress to approve certificate 7-A-23-IH per staff recommendation. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Downtown Design Review

Public Improvements

500-600 Blocks Gay St.

Replace traffic signal poles (7-A-23-DT)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 7-A-23-DT as submitted.

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the application and staff recommendation.

Gresham Smith representative Patrick Vivash, 2210 Martha Berry Dr., Knoxville, TN 37918, was present to discuss the application for review. There was no opposition present.

A Motion was made by Comm. Blackburn and seconded by Comm. Bolin to approve certificate 7-A-23-DT per staff recommendation. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Certificates of Appropriateness

210 W. Magnolia Ave. / Parcel ID 94 E F 008 Sign (7-B-23-DT)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 7-B-23-DT, subject to one condition:

1) internal illumination to be limited to push-through letters or graphics.

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the application and staff recommendation.

Pat Boles, 3101 NW Park Dr, Knoxville, TN 37921, was present to discuss the application for review. There was no opposition present.

A Motion was made by Comm. Wright and seconded by Comm. Natour to approve certificate 7-B-23-DT per staff recommendation, noting that 1) the size of the sign is acceptable as submitted; 2) the sign illumination must either be external or, if internally lit, must be push-through letters only; 3) and lighting revisions shall obtain staff approval. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

121 Union Ave. / Parcel ID 95 I A 016

New building (7-C-23-DT)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 7-C-23-DT, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Final site plan and parking garage to meet City Engineering standards;
- 2) Final landscaping plan to meet standards of City zoning code (12.2) and design guidelines;
- 3) Any mechanical equipment or service utilities not shown on plans to be placed on secondary elevations and receive screening as necessary;
- 4) Signage to return to Design Review Board as a separate application;
- 5) Final project to comply with any applicable redevelopment agreements with the City of Knoxville;
- 6) Applicant to pursue necessary rezoning within DK subdistricts to allow for current program, or submit revised designs to Design Review Board.

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett discussed the application and staff recommendation.

Architects Scott Busby, 2554 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, TN 37919, and Kathryn Greer, 550 W. Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902, were present to discuss the application for review. There was no opposition present.

A Motion was made by Comm. Natour and seconded by Comm. Blackburn to approve certificate 7-C-23-DT per staff recommendation. The motion carried 6-0. Comm. Bolin recused himself from voting on this item.

500 Clinch Ave. / Parcel ID 94 L G 00102

Signs, exterior alteration (7-D-23-DT)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 7-D-23-DT, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) parking signs to be reduced in size, with approval by staff;
- 2) signs and awnings to meet relevant aspects of City zoning code and building codes, including the necessary revision or after-the-fact approval of awning on Clinch Avenue.

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett reviewed the application and staff recommendation.

Nick Cazana and Jerrod Herron, 1225 Weisgarber Rd. Ste. 390, Knoxville, TN 37909, were present to discuss the application for review. There was no opposition present.

A Motion was made by Comm. Blackburn and seconded by Comm. Natour to approve certificate 7-D-23-DT for approval as submitted, with the condition that the signs and awnings meet relevant aspects of City zoning code and building codes, including the necessary revision or after-the-fact approval of awning on Clinch Avenue. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Discussion: Lindsay Crockett noted that at the June 21, 2023 Meeting of the Design Review Board, a motion was made by Comm. Blackburn and seconded by Comm. Cole to nominate Josh Wright as Chair of the Design Review Board. Also at the June 21, 2023 Meeting, a motion was made by Comm. DeBardelaben and seconded by Comm. Blackburn to nominate Susanne Tarovella as Vice-Chair of the Design Review Board.

A Motion was made by Comm. DeBardelaben and seconded by Comm. Blackburn to appoint Josh Wright as Chair of the Design Review Board. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

A Motion was made by Comm. Blackburn and seconded by Comm. Wright to appoint Susanne Tarovella as Vice-Chair of the Design Review Board. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.