

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

January 8, 2015

Members Present

Peyton Keesee
George Davis
Sheri Chaney
John Ranson
R.J. Lackey

Members Absent

Courtney Nicholas
Justin Ferrell

Staff

Ken Gillie
Renee Burton
Scott Holtry
Jeannise Galloway

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Gillie called for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Ranson nominated Mr. Davis as Chairman. Mr. Keesee seconded the motion. The nomination was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Gillie called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Ranson nominated Mr. Keesee as Vice Chairman. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Mr. Davis was elected as Vice Chairman by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Gillie called for nominations for Secretary.

Mr. Keesee nominated Mrs. Chaney as Secretary. Mr. Ranson seconded the vote. The nomination was approved by a 4-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness to place a dumpster on an empty parking lot and construct a wooden enclosure to conceal the dumpster along Craghead St.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Chaney stated I asked you what the address is for this and you said it's the parking lot across from Golden Leaf. Is this for Golden Leaf itself?

Mr. Keesee stated yes.

Mrs. Chaney asked they're moving their trash dumpster from behind the building to across the street?

Mr. Keesee stated yes.

Mr. Gillie stated their plans are to expand the deck eventually and they said being out on the deck in the summer time and smelling trash is not really conducive to their restaurant.

Mrs. Chaney stated oh I know it's organic.

Mr. Davis asked so will it be towards the front of the parking lot or towards the back or do you have any idea?

Mr. Gillie stated they have minimum setbacks that they have to maintain and that's about it.

Mr. Keesee stated I want to say it's going to be at the rear.

Mrs. Burton stated you would need to specify that if that's your desire.

Mr. Holtry stated staff made a recommendation for 20 feet from public right of way but in reality they can go all the way to the property line because there are no setbacks.

Mr. Keesee asked so does staff approve this?

Mr. Gillie stated no that's why we're here. We'd like to see them push it in the back corner. The problem with the back corner is they've got to run dump trucks across the parking lot. So you've got the weight of the truck and it kind of tears up the asphalt. If they want to put it in there, we just don't want to see it right next to the street so we'd like for them to slide it over about 20 feet or so. So if anything we'd recommend that you put a condition on it to at least keep it 20 feet over so that it's not right against the edge of the street. But it's up to you to put that condition on.

Mrs. Chaney asked so it won't be right on Craghead and it won't be right on Loyal?

Mr. Keesee you want it in the back right hand corner? That's the only place I can see it going.

Mr. Gillie stated no, as I said they could have it on the back edge sort of over from Loyal Street.

Mrs. Chaney stated it's going to be where that building was that we approved to be demolished.

Mr. Lackey arrived to the meeting at 4:13 PM.

Mr. Davis stated we're discussing the dumpster that William Gentry wants to put in the lot across from the Golden Leaf.

Mr. Keesee asked can you tell us where exactly he wants to put it exactly in the parking lot?

Mr. Lackey stated I can point to it. If you're facing the parking lot with your back to the Golden Leaf, we want to put it in the back right corner.

Mr. Keesee stated that's what I said.

Mr. Gillie stated then you could put a condition on it that he puts it back there.

Mr. Davis asked but you said he didn't want it at the back corner because of the dumpster?

Mr. Gillie stated the thing with that is you're tearing up the back parking lot and the asphalt but if you guys are alright with that, that's fine.

Mr. Keesee stated it's his parking lot.

Mr. Ranson asked how are those dumpsters going to tear up the parking lot?

Mr. Gillie stated it's the weight of the actual dump truck- garbage truck, excuse me.

Mr. Keesee stated I've got a dumpster by my office it doesn't tear up a whole lot.

Mr. Gillie asked how far is it travelling across it and what's the base of the parking lot and stuff?

Mr. Ranson stated normally we put a concrete apron in front of the dumpsters, but that would be a maintenance item to them. If they wanted to do that they could do that; they wouldn't have to ask permission.

Mr. Lackey asked what is the concern?

Mr. Gillie stated just where it's going to be located because there's minimum setback for landscaping but otherwise there's no setback. We think it shouldn't be right against the street so we thought it should be pushed in.

Mr. Lackey stated I can't imagine putting it near the street and all the customers walking by it. I may put it in the left back corner because there's an entrance there.

Mr. Kessee stated you still want it 20 feet of the street.

Mr. Gillie stated either street right of way is what we're asking for.

Mr. Kessee stated we knew we wouldn't put it up front and if it's 20 feet you couldn't put it to the far back left because it's on the street.

Mr. Lackey stated my recommendation was going to be the back right.

Mr. Davis stated that sounds like the logical place to put it.

Mr. Keesee asked so we've got that question answered then, correct?

Mr. Davis stated or we have to put a stipulation before we vote on it. We have to put a stipulation as to where to put it.

Mr. Ranson made a motion to approve the request with provisions that the dumpster is located in the southwest or southeast corner with a minimum of 20 feet setback from the street. Mrs. Keesee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Mr. Lackey abstained from voting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 14, 2014 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gillie had a discussion with Mr. Davis prior to the meeting regarding the installation of gas meters in the River District. The concern was that the new meters are above ground and visible. Mr. Davis expressed concerns about meters being underground in other areas downtown such as on Main Street. Mr. Gillie explained that the streets in the River District are on a high pressure system so meters have to be above ground, compared to the Main Street area being low pressure. The Board discussed options regarding encasing or painting the meters as camouflage. Mr. Gillie informed the members that he would check into this and get back with them.

There was discussion about electronic meetings. Ms. Galloway stated that she would provide the Commission more details at their next meeting.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Approved By: