

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

February 9, 2017

Members Present

Peyton Keesee
Sheri Chaney
R.J. Lackey
John Ranson

Members Absent

Jonathan Hackworth
George Davis
Courtney Nicholas

Staff

Renee Burton
Tracie Lancaster
Ken Gillie
Anna Levi
Clarke Whitfield

Vice-Chairman Keesee called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. *A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 600 Craghead Street to install a 2 x 2 projecting sign and an 18" x 102" wall mounted sign for Cottontail Wedding & Events.*

Mr. Keesee opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Matthew Switick. Mr. Switick stated I am the owner of Cottontail Wedding & Events which will hopefully be open soon. I am here to answer any questions if you have any. I am hoping to have everything done by April. The signs will either be made out of cedar or high density foam which according to the sign company carves and acts like wood. Which, the only difference being that it weathers better and you don't have to finish it as frequently.

Mr. Keesee closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Ranson made a motion to approve in the high density urethane. Mrs. Chaney seconded the motion.

Mr. Lackey stated this is in the guideline material correct?

Mr. Gillie stated yes you're good.

The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

2. *A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 115 Bridge Street to install a 1'6" x 15'6" wall sign reading Riverside Mill. The sign is to be situated on top of the archway leading to the Riverside Mill restaurant located to the rear of the Research Building.*

Mr. Keesee opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Dodie Hudson with Dewberry project manager for the Research Building downtown. Mrs. Hudson stated this sign will be to identify the three stories north annexed portion of that building. That will house the banquet hall, the restaurant and future hopefully more fine dining on the third floor.

Mr. Ranson stated on the rendering it says cotton.

Mrs. Hudson stated Cotton is actually going to be the restaurant name and we decided we don't need to have cotton on there we need to have Riverside Mill. That's what the whole north annex will be called so we changed it.

Mr. Ranson stated so the restaurant will occupy that space?

Mrs. Hudson stated correct. There will be a banquet hall that is a separate entity from the restaurant on the second floor. This could possibly be a separate entity from a possible third floor restaurant. These were renderings that we had created.

Mr. Ranson stated the letters are made out of?

Mrs. Hudson stated cast aluminum. The structure will be steel.

Mr. Ranson stated so the arch is part of this?

Mrs. Hudson stated the arch is just the structure and we will have the letters on top of it.

Mr. Ranson stated so we are just voting on the letters.

Mr. Keesee closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Ranson made a motion to approve. Mrs. Chaney seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

3. *A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 705 Main Street to install a 125 KVA Kohler generator on a concrete pad along the northern side elevation of the PATHS building facing Ridge Street. The generator is to be screened with an 8ft. dog ear wooden fence.*

Mr. Keesee opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Jay Daugherty. Mr. Daugherty I am handling this generator job for PATHS down the street. Due to electrical issues a lot of times they have down power and need a backup generator to supply certain things such as a couple of different supply panels that apply power to necessary refrigerators so that nothing will go bad. In order to put that generator we decided to screen it with a dog ear

fence that is 8 feet tall and it should be well above the 7 foot clearance of the actual generator.

Mrs. Chaney stated that's on the side entrance where it steps down and a sidewalk to the back parking as well?

Mr. Daugherty stated correct.

Mrs. Chaney stated so this will actually be situated in the grass area?

Mr. Daugherty stated yes.

Mr. Ranson stated what does dog ear wooden fence mean?

Mr. Daugherty stated it is three sided. So the back side of it isn't actually needed to fence in the compound. So aesthetically wise boarding it off three ways from each street view would be constructive.

Mr. Ranson stated so why does that make it a dog ear fence?

Mr. Daugherty stated that was the way it was applied for I'm not sure why they called it a dog ear fence.

Mrs. Kelly Crane I am the CEO of Paths and we have had several major outages here due to infrastructure in the city and both times it cost us several thousands of dollars. We lost immunizations and in our pharmacy if we don't keep it a certain degree we lose medications, because most of those drugs have to be kept to a certain degree. Even if we could have power in another part we have to shut down the whole building. So that is why we are going with these generators so we appreciate your likeness to do this. I have seen the pictures of the fence and it is very aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Keesee closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Chaney made a motion to approve as submitted.

Mr. Lackey stated as submitted or by staff recommendation?

Ms. Levi stated from the submission it wasn't clear whether it was going to be plain or what it was going to be. But we knew that was you all have shown in the past to be your preference.

Mrs. Chaney stated I make the motion to approve as submitted I don't have an issue with the stain.

Mr. Keesee stated it says it will match other wooden fences in the area.

Mr. Lackey stated if it is stained yes. But that is not what the motion is.

Mrs. Chaney stated I don't have an issue with it.

Mrs. Crane stated it is going to be stained.

Mr. Ranson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 3-1 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 12, 2017 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Approved By: