

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

February 8, 2018

Members Present

George Davis
Sheri Chaney
Courtney Nicholas
John Ranson

Members Absent

Jonathan Hackworth
Peyton Keesee
R.J. Lackey

Staff

Ken Gillie
Clarke Whitfield
Ryan Dodson

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Whitfield called for nominations for Chairman.

Mrs. Nicholas nominated Mr. Davis as Chairman. The nomination was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Whitfield called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mrs. Chaney nominated Mr. Keesee as Vice Chairman. The nomination was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Whitfield called for nominations for Secretary.

Mrs. Chaney nominated Mr. Hackworth for Secretary. The nomination was approved by a 4-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

3. *A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 530 Craghead Street to install a projecting sign and two (2) window signs for Mucho Taqueria Tequileria.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Anne Dickerson, she is with Perry Restaurant Group, Ms. Dickerson stated it's Taqueria Tequileria. I am happy to entertain any

questions around these signs. We are certainly trying to go within the design committee's required parameters for signs on both windows and the side of the building.

Mr. Davis stated and I am assuming that Mr. Barker has approved the signs that you have?

Mrs. Dickerson absolutely.

Mr. Ranson stated is it a metal sign?

Mrs. Dickerson stated the one that is projecting from the side of the building is metal. We have done this particular sign at other restaurant's in Lynchburg and Roanoke. It's metal and the letters are actually rounded out of the metal and then painted. Therefore, it will have the red and white, with the logo painted and routed out with a metal frame and a metal bracket that will hang the sign.

Mr. Ranson stated it says vinyl lettering. That must be for the signs in the window.

Mrs. Dickerson stated that is for the window signage. The intention is as Mr. Barker opens additional businesses or additional tenants, the next two or three suites will have similar signage.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Nicholas made a motion to approve as requested. Mrs. Chaney seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

4. A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 410 Main Street to install a new aluminum storefront black anodized front door with 1/4" tempered glass

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Kelvin Perry. Mr. Perry stated this is just a replacement of the existing door that they have. They lease from IDA. This will allow it to be more ADA compliant. They have a lot of customers that come in, and they get referrals from the physical therapy office.

Mr. Ranson stated could you explain that again?

Mr. Perry stated they have just a wooden door. When you go in you have a lift and then a drop down. It has been difficult for the people that are handicapped to get in and out with their chairs.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

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

5. *A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 511 Patton Street to Install a new sign for the Ruby B. Archie Public Library. The sign is 72.3" x 100".*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Emily Ragsdale. Mrs. Ragsdale stated, as you all may be aware, the name of the building at 511 Patton Street for the public library was changed to the "Ruby B. Archie Danville Public Library" by the City Council. We are just updating the sign to reflect the name change.

Mr. Ranson stated tell me where the sign is going.

Mrs. Ragsdale stated if you are standing at the City Hall looking at the Library, it's on that front entrance. It is angled at the corner there and above the front door. It will be where the old sign is.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

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

6. *A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 629 Craghead Street to install an outdoor unit for a new 4-ton mini-split HVAC system. The outdoor unit is to be placed on a concrete pad on the northwest side and will be 37.5" x 13" x 55".*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Shawn Roberts, he is with SDR Construction. Mr. Roberts stated was awarded this bid to do this installation, and I am here to answer any questions.

Mrs. Nicholas stated so there is already two existing units and it's going to go right near the two units?

Mr. Roberts stated there are electrical cabinets and a fire hydrant that are there now.

Mr. Davis stated is there no enclosure to it.

Mr. Roberts stated that is correct?

Mr. Gillie stated from a staff perspective, the reason we didn't, there is a water meter vault, there is fire department sprinkler connection, and the gas meter that was the

place. I was the guy that oversaw the construction of the building. We picked that spot years ago for the mechanical equipment. There is already a bunch of stuff in that spot.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

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

7. A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 311 Memorial Drive to construct 17' x 22' x 11' masonry enclosure to hide a stand-by emergency generator. The enclosure will be constructed with white brick to match main structure and a decorative double metal gate for access.

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Walter Lucas, with the City of Danville. Mr. Lucas stated the City is getting ready to put out a contract for a stand-by generator for the Finance Service Center. We are going to put an enclosure around it. The enclosure will be made of brick to match the white building, and it will have a decorative gate. We are going to place it in the median on the far side where you go in through the drive-thru. So for the most part, it will not be seen unless you get past the Finance Service Center. You should not see the generator itself through the gate unless you driving into the drive thru to make a payment.

Mr. Davis stated I know this is a stupid question and obviously, you have looked at it hard and know it will fit there. That median has been whittled down to make access for three lanes in both directions. Is there enough room?

Mr. Lucas stated yes. That renovation has already been done before we went into the design stage for this project.

Mr. Ranson stated is this picture, with the brick an accurate picture of the gate.

Mr. Lucas stated no that is a picture of the enclosure.

Mr. Gillie stated pages 49 and 50.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

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

8. A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 312 Bridge Street to alter the exterior color scheme and add LED Lightning

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Corrie Bobe, with the Economic Development Office. Mrs. Bobe stated the IDA had receive a request from the developers of the research building to add lighting to the parking garage, since, a lot of pedestrian traffic is being redirected to the garage for those visiting Cotton for the evening. We are proposing to install LED Lightning inside of this underpass.

Mr. Ranson stated will the lights be recessed in the ceiling?

Mrs. Bobe stated they would be attached to the ceiling.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Davis turned the meeting over to Mrs. Chaney because the first two cases involve Davis Storage.

- 1. A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 618 Craghead Street to install a fabric awning over the office entrance. The awning will be 60" x 18" with a 24" projection.*

Mrs. Chaney opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was George W Davis III, with Davis Storage. Mr. Davis stated I will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

Mrs. Chaney stated is the awning going to be 50"x18"x24" or 60"x18"x24"?

Mr. Davis stated I think it is 60 inches. What you see in the drawing, there is going to be as basic as you can possibly get, because of the gap between the door way and the window above it. There, is just a very small area that we can attach anything to it. If we can find a tan one we will do it. We are not going to have any lettering on it.

Mrs. Chaney closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Nicholas made a motion to approve. Mr. Ranson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 3-0-1 vote. (Mr. Davis Abstained)

- 2. A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 413 Wilson Street to install a metal sign over the garage entrance. The sign will be 4' x 8'.*

Mrs. Chaney opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was George W. Davis III, with Davis Storage. Mr. Davis stated it probably will not be painted; they usually use a vinyl coating.

Mrs. Chaney closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Nicholas made a motion to approve. Mrs. Chaney seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 3-0 1 vote. (Mr. Davis Abstained)

9. *Addition to prior approval to install an underground grease trap and wash area at ME's Burgers. Plans are to install a washbasin to handle larger pieces of restaurant equipment. The basin will be anchored to the concrete with a wedge anchor drilled into the concrete & an eyelet welded to one of the legs to allow the table to be bolted down when in use & unbolted & slid out of the way when the grease trap needs to be pumped out. Each side will have a removable gate to allow the water to be diverted to whichever side is applicable,*

Mr. Davis opened Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Kelvin G. Perry. Mr. Perry stated I am with the Office of Economic Development. What our request is today, you approved earlier last year to install a waste grease trap for ME's Burgers to handle the cleaning of the equipment with some bollards to protect the trap itself. That, has since been installed, but we have two problems that we have run into. One, is there was no surety that when they are cleaning the restaurant equipment, that it wouldn't flow over into the storm drain and that some of the pieces are a little bit larger. So we went back to the builder and what we want to do is install a stainless steel type of basin that can actually put the equipment in, and have two openings on both sides so when they are cleaning they will open this part, and it will flow down to a drain itself. Then when it rains, it will open the other side so that the water will just flow out. Therefore, you will not have rainwater accumulating in the stainless steel tub or sink. However, you see fit, so it will insure that we are not violating any state codes. So it will be exposed and it will allow them to go and clean some of their larger equipment.

Mrs. Chaney stated so this piece will sit there? It's not permanently fixed but it will stay permanently unless it needs to be moved?

Mr. Perry stated exactly. When you need to clean the storm drain, it is bolted down but you can take the bolts off and move that out of the way, so you can clean the grease drainage. That should resolve their problem.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 14, 2017 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote with one change to the second page.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved By: