

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

March 8, 2018

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Courtney Nicholas

Staff

Ken Gillie
Lisa Jones
Ryan Dodson

Chairman Davis 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 401 Patton Street (courthouse) to install (7) powder coated black steel bollards, (4) powder coated black cast iron decorative bollard covers, (3) powder coated black bike racks to match ones used downtown, (1) powder coated black trash receptacle to match ones used downtown, (1) powder coated black bench to match ones used downtown.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Mike Burton, Division Director of Buildings with the City of Danville Public Works Department. Mr. Burton stated I have been working with Sheriff Mondul with some thoughts on Court House Security, particularly the area at Patton Street. The cars are able to and have in the recent past pulled up onto the plaza's front door thinking that it is a parking area. Therefore, with that in mind, I would like to put some security measures in place. I put together this sketch, drawing some mixture of steel bollards with covers, benches, bike racks, and trash cans. These will cover the bollards. That is addressing the area out on Patton Street and there is a walkway behind the City Hall that comes off the parking lot to the side of the Court House. That area is possible for someone to drive on over top of that one-step so we want to fix a bollard right there to keep someone from going into that area as well.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Chaney made a motion to approve as requested. Mr. Ranson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

2. *A request has been filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness at Opera Alley (between 539 and 533 Main Street) to install a security bollard to restrict vehicular traffic*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was John Barker, with the City of Danville Public Works Department. Mr. Barker stated we are proposing the installation of a decorative colored bollard

the same as Mr. Burton spoke of in the alleyway of 533 and 539 Main Street leading to the parking lots along Patton Street. There have been issues with vehicles pulling into the alleyway.

Mr. Hackworth stated what was the reasoning behind the bollard being suggested there versus being closer to where the old theatre use to be?

Mr. Barker stated the upper end is not wide enough for a vehicle to pull into.

Mr. Hackworth stated I am not talking about on the Main Street side, right there on the backside. I am just wondering, as I walked to the meeting purposely to walk down the alley earlier and if those cars are not there, it is only two inches high of concrete and its nothing for a car to go right around the bollard and then go back up the alley.

Mr. Barker stated we decided at the end of the alley there because you will have to jump a curb to get up in the alley. We would be open to moving it where the sign is located.

Mrs. Chaney stated there is a sign there?

Mr. Gillie stated it depends on the wind and if the wind is not blowing, they will stand it back up.

Mr. Davis stated also couldn't you just have a chain going from building to building?

Mr. Hackworth stated then he would have to get permission from the property owner to attach it. I am certain that Mr. Lee would.

Mr. Gillie stated which is how do you walk between Main Street and that is public and we do use that a lot.

Mr. Lackey stated I think he is right if you are looking to stop traffic.

Mr. Keesee stated I say let him put it where he wants to and see how it goes.

Mr. Davis stated but then if it does not go well he will have to come back again.

Mr. Gillie stated or you can order it at both locations. It is up to you.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Chaney made a motion to approve with modifications that there be a bollard at the proposed location and one at where there is a temporary sign and issue a COA as amended. Mr. Hackworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 8, 2018 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

A request was made from the floor to add an item to the agenda. The Commission voted unanimously to add the following item.

Replace existing aluminum Door – style, size, and materials will remain the same. Replace side panel with shorter glass and aluminum panel that can be opened for a wdper egress. Replace panel located above front door with larger glass and aluminum panel.

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Corrie Bobe, with the Economic Development Office. Mrs. Bobe stated there is an image and then a drawing in front of you. There are the requested changes. This is the entrance of 317 Craghead Street; we do have an tennant to move into this space. The entrance door is difficult for large deliveries or furniture to get through the door. There is one glass panel that goes to the right of the door and so we are requesting that one panel be changed into a shorter panel. It will have hinges that can open to allow additional room to deliver in furniture and will extend the glass above the door and this panel over top using the same materials obviously, with glass windows. This would allow instead of just having 3 feet, you will instead 4 feet of entrance way into the store.

Mrs. Chaney stated would the door, hinge you are going to reverse that right? So the small door will open right and the large door will open left?

Mrs. Bobe stated yes.

Mr. Davis stated is this that corner building?

Mr. Hackworth stated no this is the door into the old Palmer's Meat Market.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Chaney made a motion that it meets the guidelines to issue a COA. Mr. Keesee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Approved By: