

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

May 10, 2018

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Jonathan Hackworth

Staff

Lisa Jones
Clark Whitfield
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 to install up to four (4) HVAC compressor units to the rear of the building at 400 Cabell Street.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Guy Dyer here on behalf of the Danville Historic Society and, the property owner, Susan Stilwell. Mr. Dyer. stated, Renee Burton gave this to me and she suggested that I draw on this picture what we are trying to do and it will be four little dots behind this building because of the scale. What I will do is pass this around and we are going to be talking about the middle unit on the 400 block of Cabell Street. If you will notice on the back, the loading dock, so that gives you appropriate scale because what we are trying to do if we purchase the building we are going to need climate control of at least part of the inside for right now. Which will entail installation of compressor units on the outside of the building. I meant to try to get these printed off but unfortunately, I didn't have time to do it. I can pull up some photographs to show you if you can all see this fairly well. This is actually two compressor units that are actually at the back of my house. The units themselves are about thirty inches square. The concrete pad is about three feet square and with the space between each unit takes up about a four by four foot footprint. This is a street view of the back of 400 Cabell Street this is taken from Lynn and this one is taken from Monument.

Mrs. Chaney stated so you are talking about the back of the building the section between the two?

Mr. Dyer stated right. It is actually two separate pieces of property. This is the rear yard if you are familiar with the building .If you have been by there, then you know there are parallel walls that separate the units. The walls stick out about four feet. There are also these loading docks that you can barely see in that photograph. They also stick out four feet. The units themselves, if in fact we use four units,that is the maximum that we will probably use. We may use two or maybe three but then the building will be climate controlled. They will be virtually be invisible from the street. They will be well hidden. I did not proffer to screen them. If something that you

all feel that is important then that is something that we can do. If these building are going to be adaptable for reuse then climate control is something that everyone is going to have to deal with. So I kind of look at it as a necessary evil. If anybody has any questions, I will be glad to answer them.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Keesee made a motion to approve the item as requested that it meets the guidelines and issue a Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Ranson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0-1 vote. (Mrs. Nicholas Abstained)

2. *A request has been proposed from the floor to construct a 25' X 15", 8 inch concrete pad with rebar and 8" of stone for trash containers and the removal of an existing wood shed.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Kelvin Perry, Project Manger, for the City of Danville. Mr. Perry stated do you know where the parking lot is behind the Craghead Rick Barker building? In that parking lot, there is a shed back there. We are going to remove that wood shed and put a dumpster pad and put some dumpsters for restaurants and for the apartments and lofts. They are going to have to reinforce the concrete there because once the trash trucks come to pick up the trash containers, the bouncing of that will eventually destroy the asphalt. We need some space and we will be coming back a little later on because we need to put up a privacy fence. We have not gotten the design for that yet. We are just beginning to construct the pad for the dumpster and then we will get a price for a privacy fence.

Mrs. Chaney stated this is behind Mucho Taqueria correct?

Mr. Perry stated yes.

Mr. Davis stated are you talking about the shed that is back there where part of Durham Hoisery parking use to be? They just put a roof on the thing and refurbished it are you talking about that shed?

Mr. Perry stated no, right across from the Fire Station that parking lot that is across from there. There is a wood shed that sits back there.

Mr. Keesee stated it is all to pieces.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Lackey stated is there a reason not to bring this all at once? Is there a time issue?

Mr. Perry stated yes, there is a time issue with that.

Mr. Lackey stated I'm afraid if you vote for the pad and spend the money and then we vote against the screening then you have a concrete pad.

Mrs. Chaney made a motion that it meets the guidelines as presented with the stipulations that they come back before us for the screening and issue a COA. Mr. Ranson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 12, 2018 minutes was approved by a unanimous vote with one change to the 2nd page from Mrs. Chaney to Mrs. Nicholas.

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

Approved By: