

Design Committee - Main Street Advisory Board
Minutes - May 27, 2015

Welcome - Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Roll: Chairman Walker; Committee Members Vanna Brown, Bill Loudermilk, and Marty Myers.

Absent: Committee Members Trish Cossart, Kim Mullins, and Ross Yasin.

Staff: Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator, Mike Beecham – Director of Community Development and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk.

Visitors: Tom Hodges – Teramore Development, LLC

New Business:

- 1). Approval of minutes from April 22, 2015

Committee Member Brown motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

- 2). Review of renderings for proposed Dollar General on Courtney Hodges Blvd.

Mr. Tom Hodges of Teramore Development presented to the committee four potential building designs for the proposed Dollar General on the corner of Cathy Street and Gen. Courtney Hodges Blvd. Each example was discussed and included the description of materials to be utilized on the exterior. Chairman Walker inquired what type signage would be utilized; Mr. Hodges advised this was not handled by his office, but would be contracted by a sign company at a later date. Chairman Walker advised another location in Plains, Georgia, has channel letters, which she felt were more appealing and would like to suggest they be incorporated if possible. Mr. Hodges advised channel lettering was best adhered to certain type of materials. Mr. Hodges discussed the types of potential exterior project materials, hardiplank, eifs and stucco and which was best for channel type lettering. Committee Member Myers inquired if a landscape buffer would be placed along the southwest side of the building as traffic from that direction would view the roof line, which was aesthetically unappealing.

Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve rendering number four as shown with the corner entry with the preferable exterior of hardiplank siding to accommodate channel lettering in a black finish; an alternate would be the same approved rendering number four with an alternate material of eifis to accommodate channel lettering in a black finish, and to include a row of barrier trees along the southwest side of the building to camouflage the roof of the building; Committee Member Brown seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

- 3). Discuss items committee wishes to review

Chairman Walker advised Steve Gray had resigned from the committee effective immediately and at this time a replacement would not be sought.

Chairman Walker advised the downtown rooftop lighting project that had been previously discussed is cancelled as the City is moving in a different direction and asked if anyone would like to participate by offering input on lighting and power requirement needs in the downtown area. No one present committed to participating; however, Committee Members Cossart, Mullins, and Yasin will be contacted for input.

Ms. Edgemon inquired on behalf of Mr. Smith regarding the areas the committee would like to review, such as signage or benches on sidewalks, for example, related to the PLDO re-write.

Old Business:

1). Update on Memorial Heights Baptist Church façade grant

Ms. Edgemon advised the work is not fully completed and will follow up again and provide an additional update.

2). 813 Carroll Street

Chairman Walker advised the (60) day extension for the temporary sign had expired and inquired of Committee Member Myers on his plan for removal. Committee Member Myers advised he still planned on removing the sign when he started work on the front façade and did not want to put up a new sign until the façade work is done. Questions arose on how many extensions for other properties had been given; Mr. Beecham advised none, as extensions are not granted, violations are given (15) days' notice to remove or a citation is issued. Ms. Edgemon advised if another extension was given it would be setting a precedent and cautioned the committee in doing so. Committee Member Myers advised he would purchase an "A"-frame sign and remove the current sign.

Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to allow the current sign to remain for a period of up to (30) days until an "A"-frame sign can be purchased; Committee Member Brown seconded; all in favor with Committee Member Myers abstaining and was unanimously approved.

3). 343 General Courtney Hodges Blvd.

Ms. Edgemon provided a façade grant application for the business at this location and noted the request was for signage and meet the requirements.

Committee Member Brown motioned to approve the application as submitted in the amount of \$250; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

4). 1019 Ball Street

Ms. Edgemon provided a photograph of the building where the dormers had been removed and re-stuccoed; the work has been completed, and the owner was not aware of approval needed from the committee.

Chairman Walker requested Ms. Edgemon send a letter to all property owners in the downtown district advising of the Design Committee and the requirements when making exterior changes.

Other:

- 1). Certificate of Appropriateness issued – Ms. Edgemon reviewed the report
- 2). Available façade grant funding report – Ms. Edgemon reviewed the report

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.