

Design Committee - Main Street Advisory Board  
Minutes - October 28, 2015

Welcome: Chairman Terre Walker called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll: Chairman Walker; Committee Members Vanna Brown, Lindsay Bailey, Trish Cossart, Bill Loudermilk, Marty Myers and Kim Mullins were present.

Staff: Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk

Visitors: Stephanie Fitz and April Albritton with Calvary Way Community Church

Old Business

1). Façade grant guidelines discussion – Ms. Edgemon asked, as follow up from the last meeting, whether the committee wanted to consider reducing the amount awarded for sign grants or making funding for signage contingent on other work on the building; if a business were to close, that investment would be lost. Chairman Walker invited the committee to discuss the matter. Committee Member Cossart advised she would like the amount to remain at \$500 as an incentive to assist businesses; Committee Member Loudermilk agreed. Ms. Edgemon noted if the current pace was kept façade grant funding could be expended by the middle of the fiscal year.

Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to continue sign grant award at the maximum of \$500; Committee Member Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

New Business

1). Approval of minutes from September 23, 2015 – Chairman Walker advised of correction on page three regarding discussion with business owner on sidewalks.

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

\*Committee Member Mullins arrived at 12:09 p.m.

2). Update on Destiny Fitness and Rehab Center façade grant projects

Ms. Edgemon advised Destiny Fitness has ordered their sign, and it should be installed in the coming weeks. The Rehab Center was finishing up with their work; she expects both recipients should be ready to close out their grants next month, depending on when the Destiny Fitness sign is installed.

3). Façade payment request for 736 Carroll Street Suite 14

Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve the grant request for signage in the amount of \$137.50 as submitted; Committee Member Brown seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

4). Façade grant payment request for 938 Carroll Street

Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve the grant request for signage and awning in the amount of \$968.13 as submitted; Committee Member Mullins seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

5). Façade grant payment request for 717 Commerce Street

Committee Member Mullins motioned to approve the grant request for signage in the amount of \$500.00 as submitted; Committee Member Bailey seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

6). Façade grant payment request for 1131 Macon Road

Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve the grant request for the awning in the amount of \$259.75 as submitted; Committee Member Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

7). Review of proposed exterior changes at 753/755 Carroll Street

Chairman Walker advised the review was for proposed exterior changes and requested the committee be mindful of the historic nature of downtown.

Ms. Stephanie Fitz with Calvary Way Community Church advised the front windows requested to be blocked in were approximately nine years old, have severe water damage and are rotted. Ms. Fitz advised they would like to block the windows as they will be using the building as a sanctuary. Discussion ensued with various options given by committee member of alternative solutions for blocking in the windows without losing the character of the building and allowing for removal if windows were to be reinstalled at a later date. Review was also done on the removal of one awning and replacing the existing. Ms. Fitz advised the new awning would be burgundy in color. A new glass door was also reviewed; it would replace the existing door on the left hand side of the building and where the awning would be. Ms. Fitz was receptive and open to suggestions and assistance from the committee. Conclusion of discussions resulted in Committee Members Mullins, Loudermilk and Myers providing guidance for the exterior façade changes. Committee Member Cossart advised she would assist in color selections.

Committee Member Mullins motioned to approve the exterior design changes which included new door, new awning cover, working with applicant on the cover-up of the remaining windows and doors with stucco; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

8). Review of façade grant application for 753/755 Carroll Street

Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve the grant request as submitted in the amount of \$1,000.00 if design changes are fulfilled; Committee Member Myers seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

9). Discuss location and quantity of hay bales/pumpkin displays in downtown

Ms. Edgemon solicited the opinion of the committee on the current and future location of fall hay bales and pumpkins in the downtown area. It was the consensus of the committee to have a display at the triangle parcel from Ms. Peggie's and on all corners the length of Carroll Street including the 700 block, corners of Commerce Street, and Macon Road.

10). Discuss possible location for tour bus parking in downtown

Ms. Edgemon advised she had been requested to seek the board's input if the City was to designate parking spaces for tour bus where would they recommend. Ms. Edgemon advised the question had been posed to the DDA and the Main Street board, and their recommendation was that a drop off location be behind the Old courthouse on Main Street with parking at the former Jaycees building; the committee concurred.

Other

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

Work Plan Review – Chairman Walker advised will be reviewed at next meeting

Chairman Items

- 1). Planters on Jernigan Street (by A Couple of Jerks) – Chairman Walker provided a rendering of design which included the possibility of adding two trees (discussion would need to be held with the City) along with the flowers pots. Discussion ensued about topiary and/or lighting on the side of the building, however the owner would have to approve. The committee concurred for Chairman Walker to proceed with obtaining estimates. It was noted funding would come from the UPP.
- 2). Complete streets plan for 700 block of Carroll Street – Committee Member Mullins provided plans for the committees' review that had previously been done.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.