

Design Committee - Main Street Advisory Board
Minutes - December 9, 2015

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

Roll: Chairman Walker; Committee Members Vanna Brown, Lindsay Bailey, Trish Cossart, and Marty Myers.

Absent: Bill Loudermilk and Kim Mullins.

Staff: Catherine Edgemon – Main Street Coordinator, Lee Gilmour – City Manager, Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk.

Visitors : David Grossnickle

New Business

- 1). Approval of minutes from October 28 and December 1, 2015

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

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

Ms. Edgemon said the sign for Destiny Fitness had been ordered and should be installed in the week or so; close out of the grant is expected to be in January 2016.

Chairman Walker inquired what was approved for the Rehab Center as the door installed was not what was approved, the lights have not been replaced with the ones shown in the application and the sign was not installed. Ms. Edgemon provided a copy of the grant application for review by the committee. Discussion ensued if the grant payment should be denied or if the applicant should remedy the issues before resubmitting the payment request. Committee Member Cossart motioned to deny the grant payment request until issues are corrected; Committee Member Bailey seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

- 3). Review façade grant application for 353 Gen. Courtney Hodges Blvd. (Dairy Queen)

Ms. Edgemon advised under the guidelines the maximum amount that could be awarded was \$1,000 as this was not a historic property restoration. Chairman Walker inquired of the remaining balance of the façade grant funds; it was advised the balance was \$2,437.07. Ms. Edgemon also advised in both the Master and Strategic plans re-vitalization of the Courtney Hodges Boulevard was a main focus and recommended funding in its entirety.

Committee Member Myers motioned to award the grant in the amount of \$1,000.00; Committee Member Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

4). 915 Carroll Street – discuss exterior color change

Prior to discussion Chairman Walker reviewed with the committee the governing ordinance for the downtown district which covered exterior changes. The building in question appeared to have been pressure washed to bring back to the natural brick; however, there is still remaining paint color on the building as well, some of the bricks had been broken out at the top of the building and had been painted black.

Mr. David Grossnickle owner of the property, apologized to the committee for not coming before them prior to the commencement of the work, it was a miscommunication between himself and the contractor, and he was willing to take the guidance of the committee to correct the situation.

Committee Member Myers suggested considering a plaster material/synthetic stucco to repair where the broken bricks are. He voiced approval for leaving some of the remaining paint and suggested possibly repainting the area now painted black with the blue color that had been on the building.

Committee Member Cossart inquired if more of the remaining blue paint could be removed; her preference along with Committee Member Brown was the exposed brick. Options were discussed of alternates if the blue paint could not be entirely removed. The color was also discussed for the accents, with the majority suggesting the blue color that was painted on the brick to provide contrast.

On conclusion of discussions Committee Member Myers motioned to allow for the removal of as much of the blue paint as possible to expose the natural brick with the strips above and below the accents being painted blue; Committee Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

5). Discuss BOOST grant application

Ms. Edgemon advised 757 Carroll Street had submitted a BOOST application, and she was advising the committee the repainting when done was to be the same color as the existing. The occupant was open to suggestions for other approved colors.

6). Request about Tree City USA by Georgia Forestry Commission

Ms. Edgemon advised she had been contacted by the Georgia Forestry Commission regarding the City's support of the program and it was noted there was a financial contribution as well of approximately \$28,000. Ms. Edgemon advised she was seeking input on whether this was something the committee would like to pursue and bring to Council. Chairman Walker voiced concern that the committee had a number of items already on their agenda, and this may be a step ahead of what needed to be accomplished at this point in time; as well the city ordinance addresses trees, and there is a tree board to address those concerns. The committee concurred.

Other

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

Work Plan Review: Chairman Walker reviewed the tasks assigned to the committee, provided an update on each and noted a lot of the tasks had been completed.

It was noted Mr. Gilmour and Mr. Smith are working on the Jernigan and Carroll Street sidewalk improvements, and designs for this area are placed on hold until a decision is made by the City.

In regards to the former Ms. Peggie's property TSW Consultants are to be provided conceptual plans, and the committee should be asked for their input.

It was suggested for 2016 work plan to bring the design concept all the way up Carroll and Jernigan streets.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.