

Design Committee - Main Street Advisory Board
Minutes - January 26, 2016

Welcome : Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Roll: Chairman Walker; Committee members Lindsay Bailey, Vanna Brown and Marty Myers.

Absent: Committee members Trish Cossart, Bill Loudermilk and Kim Mullins.

Staff: Robert Smith – Economic Development Director, and Christine Sewell – Recording Clerk

Visitors: Dr. Brian and Becky Burnham

Old Business

1. Discuss façade grant status of 733 B Carroll Street – Rev. Otha Everett

Chairman Walker advised the issue to be addressed was the items approved in the grant had not been completed as submitted, which were the lighting and door. Mr. Everett addressed the committee and noted a lot of work had been completed to bring the building up to par. The sign has been installed, the lighting when re-wired did not need to be replaced, painting was completed, and the door change from what was proposed was necessary due to security purposes for the records kept in the facility. Mr. Everett advised he was not aware he was required to come back before the committee with the door change.

Chairman Walker reminded the committee the façade grant program is an enticement for applicants so properties remain aesthetically pleasing with the look of the downtown area. The question before the committee is should the full award be adhered to or the amount be reduced. If reduced, it would be for the signage and painting. Committee Member Myers inquired if a cut out at the top of the door can be done to comply.

Committee Member Myers motioned to reduce the award of the grant to \$500 for painting and signage; Committee Member Bailey seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

2. Follow-up discussion on 915 Carroll Street – David Grossnickle

Chairman Walker advised the property had been pressure washed twice and in previous discussions it was recommended the owner try to remove as much of the old paint as possible. The committee considered whether to approve leaving the building façade as it is after the pressure washing, leaving the natural brick and repainting accent strips. Chairman Walker advised she provided Mr. Grossnickle with alternate color schemes, but he was not present at the meeting. Committee Member Bailey motioned to table approving repainting until a color scheme is selected and accept the pressure washing that had been done exposing the natural brick; Committee Member Myers seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Approval of minutes from December 9, and December 18, 2015, and January 13, 2016 meetings

Committee Member Brown motioned to approve with correction as noted; Committee Member Bailey seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

2. 1023 Ball Street – façade review – Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers, as contractor for the property owner advised from previous discussions, the left side of the building would have a full glass front door, full glass sidelights and transom and the right side will be cut to have the same when a tenant is secured on the other side. Per Mr. Myers, the owner would like to remove the deteriorated mansard on the front of the building; until removed, it is not known what is underneath. The request is for approval to remove the mansard and bring back to the committee after removal for a design review. Mr. Myers recused himself from the meeting and vote.

Committee Member Bailey motioned to approve proceeding with the removal of the mansard roof; Committee Member Brown seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

3. 1023 Ball Street – façade grant discussion

Chairman Walker recommended the applicant be allowed to retain the grant funds if the doors are replaced as submitted; if not, the funds could be allocated to the roof removal. Committee Members Bailey and Brown concurred.

4. 753 Commerce Street – façade review
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Ms. Sewell advised to complete the grant application, the sign rendering was to have been submitted, and it had not been. The applicant also submitted four designs for awnings; the committee was asked to review and approve a design. After review the consensus was Option #4 as provided. Chairman Walker advised the applicant should be made aware per the ordinance awnings should be solid in color, not striped, as those reviewed. Committee Member Myers motioned to approve Option #4 as submitted; Committee Member Bailey seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

6. Update on penalty for COA regulation violations – Ms. Sewell advised Council recently adopted a \$200 fee for non-compliance with COA regulations.
7. Discuss proposed committee’s regular meeting date change - Ms. Sewell advised at the previous meeting members were asked to consider changing the regular monthly meeting date to the second Wednesday of the month; those present concurred; Chairman Walker will poll those absent for consensus and

advise Ms. Edgemon.

8. Discuss “pre-approved” criteria for Certificates of Appropriateness and color – Chairman Walker requested the item be tabled until staff provided a set of guidelines for review.
9. Discuss process for removing old paint and re-painting buildings –Chairman Walker requested item be tabled until guidelines can be provided for review.
10. Discuss conflict with Historic Preservation Commission’s (HPC) authority - Chairman Walker noted Council is currently reviewing establishing a HPC and she is taking training in March and will provide feedback at a later date.

Other

1. Certificate of Appropriateness issued – Report was reviewed.
2. Available façade grant funding report – Report was reviewed.
3. Collaborate with UPP and Historical Society to host COA, design and sign guidelines information meeting or educational program – Chairman Walker suggested coordination with the Merchants Association, and she would reach out to Ms. Elle Loudermilk.
4. Hawkinsville Garden Club request for design assistance – It was requested Ms. Edgemon coordinate and advise. It was noted they were looking for assistance as they are pleased with the look of Perry’s downtown and are looking for guidance for Hawkinsville.

Work Plan Review

1. Discuss proposed 2016 work plan items – Chairman Walker suggested a work session meeting be scheduled for the review.

Chairman Items

1. Discuss bench or tree sales on Carroll Street – It was advised the City will not purchase additional benches and perhaps memorial trees could be pursued as a way to generate funds and fill in areas throughout the downtown that are in need of trees. Chairman Walker noted a couple of trees are in need of replacement and said she will speak with the City Manager about the matter.

Chairman Walker provided an update on the UPP account that could be utilized on private property for enhancements.

2. Schedule town hall meeting with Lewis Meeks – Chairman Walker will reach out to Mr. Meeks.
3. Discuss integrated design on Carroll Street from Ms. Peggie’s to Jernigan Street – It was noted this is part of the work plan and will need to be prioritized.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.