

Design Committee - Main Street Advisory Board
Minutes - June 08, 2016

Welcome : Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll: Chairman Walker; Committee members Vanna Brown, Trish Cossart, Bill Loudermilk, Marty Myers, and Connie Potter were present.

Absent: Committee member Lindsay Bailey

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

Visitors: None

Old Business

1. Approve COA revised application

In follow up from previous meeting, Ms. Edgemon reviewed the revised application from comments received. Discussion ensued, and it was suggested to add a COA expiration date and perhaps to consider adding a fee. Committee Member Loudermilk motioned to approve the application as submitted with noted changes; Committee Member Brown seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Approve minutes from May 11, 2016

Committee Member Brown motioned to approve with noted change; Committee Member Cossart seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

2. Review design plans for 1110 Washington Street

Committee Member Myers on behalf of the property owner Mr. Larry Walker III presented the exterior changes. Renderings from the DCA Design Studio were reviewed, and Mr. Myers noted the changes proposed would be to remove the bay windows and replace with full plate glass windows on both sides, keep door with side lights and add the “barn door” effect as shown in renderings, single door with side lights and handrail system for the entry. Mr. Myers also presented colors for review and approval. A detailed and entailed discussion ensued; concern was raised with regard to the windows, and it was noted changes should be kept within the character of the area. Concern was also voiced on the white exterior color selection and would the owner consider an alternate color that would be more compatible to the surrounding buildings; Mr. Myers felt he would be. The roof selection was also provided, which was for a silver metal type finish. Mr. Myers left the room for discussion and abstained from the vote. The board further discussed the proposed changes with the resulting decision as motioned by Committee Member Loudermilk – approve

proposed window changes as provided, recommend owner consider alternate exterior colors to blend with surrounding building for roof and wall colors and the door arrangements to match the front; Committee Member Potter seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

3. Discuss “little things” to improve appearance downtown

Ms. Edgemon advised she was soliciting input for improvement recommendations in the downtown area; comments were received and will be passed on to Administration.

4. Discuss future improvements recommendations

Ms. Edgemon advised Council approved stabilizing the former Ms. Peggie’s building and requested the committee’s input. Chairman Walker noted the Historical Society is funding a design from the DCA Design Studio, which is currently being worked on and will be provided on completion.

*Committee Member Cossart left at 12:56 p.m.

5. Discuss historic period for downtown planning recommendations

Ms. Edgemon advised the City Manager was requesting guidance for a historic reference date for downtown restorations. Chairman Walker referred to a memorandum provided and read to the board; its conclusion was for a recommendation of the time period from 1900-1920. Committee Member Myers voiced concern that often times it is not known what is behind the slipcovers until they are removed and would like to see flexibility from the committee when matters were brought forth concerning this issue. Committee Member Myers motioned to recommend the historic time period of 1900-1920; Committee Member Loudermilk seconded; all in favor and was unanimously approved.

Other

1. Certificate of Appropriateness issued – report was reviewed
2. Available façade grant funding report – report was reviewed

Ms. Edgemon requested clarification from the committee on the recommendation previously given for the Dollar General on Courtney Hodges Blvd; the project is near completion, and the Community Development Department is not clear on the requirement of the barrier trees on the southwest side of the property. The board advised they would like the barrier trees to camouflage the roof as you approach downtown.

Chairman Items

1. Update on 706 Carroll Street (Ms. Peggie's) – was previously discussed
2. Discuss streetscape of 700 block of Carroll Street and Jernigan Street between Commerce and Carroll

In regards to future improvements, the 700 block of Carroll and Jernigan Street should be included to tie in with the remainder of the downtown area. Chairman Walker suggested once a design plan is approved for Ms. Peggie's, a concept from the DCA Design Studio could be solicited for the 700 block of Carroll Street and construction be completed in increments as funding becomes available.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.