

Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2016

Location: City Council Chamber, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112

Called to order: 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

Commissioners present: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Commissioners arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Commissioners absent: Leslie Guthrie

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**I. A. Minutes for the CBD HDLC March 9, 2016 meeting**

Motion: Approve minutes

By: Keith Twitchell

Seconded: Wayne Troyer

Result: Passed

In favor: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly

Opposed:

Comments:

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A. 846 Baronne St**

Application: Renovate existing warehouse building into commercial at the ground level, and residential units on the upper floors with the addition of a penthouse.

Motion: Grant conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at the Staff level.

By: Keith Twitchell

Second: Kevin Kelly

Result: Passed

In Favor: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, Wayne Troyer, Kevin Kelly

Opposed: John Boyd

**III. New Business Work Application**

**A. 731 St Charles Ave**

Application: Remove original façade and construct new façade. Demolition of rear parking garage and rebuild adding an additional two floors.

Motion: Grant conceptual approval of the proposed removal of the original facade, demolition of rear parking structure and new massing with details to be worked out with the ARC.

By: Keith Twitchell

Seconded: John Boyd

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly, Wayne Troyer

Comments: Several speakers, including Jack Stewart of the Lafayette Square Association, and the architect Rick Fifield, spoke in favor of the project.

B. 618 Magazine St

Application: Demolition of existing wall and new construction of a parking garage with ground floor retail.

Motion: Grant conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at the Staff level.

By: Wayne Troyer

Seconded: Kevin Kelly

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly, Wayne Troyer

Opposed:

Comments:

C. 640 Magazine St

Application: Renovate existing five story building into a mixed use structure, with multifamily housing on the upper floors and the addition of a penthouse.

Motion: Grant conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at the Staff level. Penthouse addition must meet the requirements of the HDLC guidelines.

By: Kevin Kelly

Seconded: Keith Twitchell

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly, Wayne Troyer

Opposed:

Comments:

D. 700 Magazine St

Application: Demolition of existing parking structure. New construction of a 5 story mixed use structure.

Motion: Defer action on this application until the next Commission meeting to provide the chance for the applicant to work with the neighbors on a compromise on the quality of life and mural issues.

By: Wayne Troyer

Seconded: John Boyd

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly, Wayne Troyer

Opposed:

Comments: Several speakers spoke against the project, including Sharonda Williams as a representative of the 425 Notre Dame Condominium Association and Karen Wood, President of the 425 Notre Dame Condominium Association. Several owners from the 425 Notre Dame Condominium Building who were present agreed to defer their speaking time to Sharonda Williams. Other speakers included Hugh Lambert, who owns the property across the street, as well as Susan Brennan, who developed the property at 425 Notre Dame. Both spoke against the project.

**IV. New Business Retention Applications**

A. 840 Canal St

Application: Retention of removal of banding and installation of signage in deviation from CofA.

Motion: Deny the application for retention.

By: Kevin Kelly

Seconded: John Boyd

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly, Wayne Troyer

Opposed:

Comments:

B. 837 Canal St

Application: Retention of awning installed without a CofA.

Motion: Deny the application for retention.

By: Kevin Kelly

Seconded: Keith Twitchell

Result: Passed

For: Keith Twitchell, James Amdal, John Boyd, Kevin Kelly, Wayne Troyer

Opposed:

Comments:

At this time, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.