

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday September 17, 2024

Location: Homeland Security Conference Room, located on the 8th Floor of City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Hutchison, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent: Miriam Salas, Robert Boyd

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the August 20, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

In favor: Randy Hutchison, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King

Opposed:

Comments:

2. 210 Saint Charles Ave

Application: Renovation of two (2) existing connected Contributing rated multi-story commercial buildings including modification of ground-floor storefronts and windows along St. Charles Avenue and Common Street as part of a conversion to hotel use.

Motion: Conceptual approval with the following provisos:

- The proposed ground floor elevation along St. Charles Avenue is acceptable as presented in the absence of additional historic documentation, and because SHPO/NPS will not permit changes or reconfiguration at this area without additional specific evidence.
- The details of the proposed metal storefront windows at the ground floor openings along St. Charles Avenue should be refined to relate better to the overall building design and proportions.
 - o The tripartite window condition should remain, but the proposed divided lights should be removed so the windows appear a bit more contemporary.
 - o A horizontal transom may need to be added at the top of the openings to reduce the overall window sizes to achieve required impact ratings. This may also help the windows relate better to the size/proportions of the central entry door.
 - o Detailing of the window should be simple, such as a flat trim piece to create a shadow line and should not attempt to replicate historic profiles or detailing more typical of the existing wood windows above.
- The proposed window to door Option 1 is preferred, and the applicant should consider the design and detailing of these tall false windows to ensure they are sufficiently structured and supported to ensure maximum longevity.
- The updated balcony handrail still appears to be too busy, and the applicant should utilize simple vertical pickets to match those already existing at the 3rd floor windows.
- The use of tri-fold doors with fixed night-blind panels at the trash room is preferred over the option to utilize a reflective film at the interior side of the glass.
- The night blinds must be solid panels rather than the louvered panels indicated.

By: Ashley King

Second: Robby Cangelosi

Result: Passed

In Favor: Randy Hutchison, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King

Opposed:

Comments:

3. 740 Saint Charles

Application: Renovation and new roof deck at a Contributing rated, two-story, commercial building.

Motion: The ARC voted to defer this application for the applicant to provide more information. The ARC requested more drawings including:

- Elevations of existing and new
- Floor plans of existing and new
- Sections through the building that show the height of the new railing, deck, and sunshade
- 3D perspectives from street view that show the visibility of the proposed work

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Randy Hutchison

Result: Passed

In Favor: Randy Hutchison, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King

Opposed:

Comments:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.