

VIEUX CARRE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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NOTE: The below minutes are a summary of actions taken. They are not a verbatim transcription of the meeting.

Minutes of the VCC Architectural Committee meeting of Tuesday, January 14, 2025– 1:00 PM

- Committee Members Present:** Stephen Bergeron, Rick Fifield
- Committee Members Absent:** Cynthia Steward
- Staff Present:** Renee Bourgogne, Deputy Director; Joseph Newman, Administrative Assistant; Nick Albrecht, Principal Plans Examiner; Bryan Block, Director
- Staff Absent:** Marguerite Roberts, Senior Inspector; Erin Vogt, Principal Plans Examiner; Noah Epstein, Inspector
- Others Present:** Myles Martin, Stephanie Mears, Mackenzie Laxton, Akeem Martin, Nigel Khan, Arielle Gonzales, Barry Siegel, Daniel Winkert

At the Tuesday, January 14, 2025 meeting, the following items may be discussed.

AGENDA

Old Business

533 Royal St: 24-22083-VCGEN; Margitta Rogers, applicant; & Leila Williams Foundation, owner;
Review of design development drawings of conceptually approved proposal to renovate buildings including a courtyard enclosure and a new rear building, per application & materials received 07/18/2024 & 12/24/2024, respectively.
<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/PrmtView.aspx?ref=AZBSDM#>

This item was deferred due to lack of quorum.

740 Royal St: 24-30117-VCGEN; Zach Smith Consulting, applicant; St Ann/Royal LLC, owner;
Proposal to modify previously approved plans including proposed modifications to the mechanical platform and installation of additional mechanical equipment, per application & materials received 10/02/2024 & 12/30/2024, respectively.
<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/PrmtView.aspx?ref=K01A3M#>

Mr. Albrecht read the staff report with Mr. Myles Martin present on behalf of the application. Mr. Bergeron asked if the line sets were penetrating at a low level. Mr. Martin stated no, they were higher up. Ms. Bourgogne assured the Committee that staff would be fine to review all lines and conduit.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bergeron made the motion for the conceptual approval of the proposal with all final details at the staff level. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

610 Bienville St: 24-33213-VCGEN; Richard Choate, applicant; NEW HOTEL MONTELEONE, owner;
Proposal to renovate building including modifying the ground floor entrance door, per application & materials received 11/01/2024 & 12/19/2024, respectively.
<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/PrmtView.aspx?ref=J1VAPH#>

Mr. Block read the staff report with Ms. Mears present on behalf of the application.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bergeron asked about the hardware. Ms. Bourgogne assured him that staff would review all hardware.

Mr. Bergeron made the motion with the details at the staff level. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

241 Bourbon St: 24-33363-VCGEN; Angelo J Barcia, applicant; 241 Holdings LLC, owner;

Proposal to modify previously approved mechanical plans including the installation of a new hood vent exhaust on the roof of the main building, per application & materials received 11/01/2024 & 11/04/2024, respectively.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/PrmtView.aspx?ref=1UN1E0#>

Mr. Albrecht read the staff report with Ms. Laxton present on behalf of the application.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bergeron made the motion for the conceptual approval of the new hood vent with any final details at the staff level. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

414 Burgundy St: 24-31897-VCGEN; Lynnette Gordon, applicant; Kevin Davis Enterprises Inc,

Proposal to renovate building including making structural repairs and installing helical ties, per application & materials received 10/17/2024 & 12/05/2024, respectively.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/PrmtView.aspx?ref=YJUC4A#>

Mr. Albrecht read the staff report with Mr. Akeem Martin present on behalf of the application. Mr. Fifield asked the applicant if he had worked with an engineer on the proposal. Mr. Martin stated yes. He went on to say that they knew 3 outriggers needed to be replaced but they wouldn't know more until they got into the structure. As for the lintel, Mr. Martin went on to say that they believed they could put a structure under it and fix the crack. Mr. Fifield asked if Mr. Martin could provide a detail. Mr. Martin stated yes. Mr. Fifield asked to move on to the helical ties. Mr. Martin stated the following: we chose this approach because of the bowing of the wall, referencing the picture of the downspout pushed into the wall. We will remove the downspout, fill the hole with brick and move the downspout to the exterior.

Mr. Fifield stated that he thought the ties might work better at the corner. He went on to say that the Committee would need a letter from a structural engineer and more documentation on where the ties would be installed.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bergeron made the motion to defer the application to allow the applicant time to gather information and develop the details on the lintels and wall ties. Mr. Fifield asked that the motion be amended to include a letter from the structural engineer. Mr. Bergeron accepted the amendment to the motion. Mr. Fifield seconded the amended motion and the motion passed unanimously.

1008 N Peters St: 24-36819-VCGEN; Pete Elphege Decoteau, Sr., applicant; City of New Orleans, owner;

FOR RECOMMENDATION ONLY: Proposal to install new generator in rear alley, per application & materials received 12/06/2024.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/PrmtView.aspx?ref=AJE1FL#>

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

541 Madison St: 24-36960-VCGEN; Bywater Woodworks Inc, applicant; Scott T Shows, owner;

Proposal to install new Aeratis synthetic decking on the second-floor balcony, per application & materials received 12/09/2024.

Ms. Bourgogne read the staff report with Mr. Siegel present on behalf of the application.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bergeron made the motion to conceptually approve the installation of Aeratis decking at this location with staff to review details prior to permit issuance. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Appeals and Violations

828 Toulouse St: 24-35777-VCGEN; Winkert Daniel, applicant; 828 Toulouse Street LLC, owner;

Proposal to correct or retain various violations including proposal to retain rooftop mechanical equipment installed without benefit of VCC review or approval, per application & materials received 11/25/2024.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/PrmtView.aspx?ref=G1W4EL#>

Mr. Albrecht read the staff report with Mr. Winkert present on behalf of the application.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Bergeron made the motion for the conceptual approval of the retention of the mechanical as installed contingent on the mechanical department's approval with the application to be forwarded to the full Commission once staff received confirmation of that approval. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Next AC Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

At approximately 1:52 PM Mr. Bergeron made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.