

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES – January 18, 2017

The Design Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10:00 am in the One Stop Shop Conference Room A, City Hall, Room 7W03.

The Design Advisory Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 10:00 am in the One Stop Shop Conference Room A, City Hall, Room 7W03.

Members Attending

Daniel McElmurray, Parks & Parkways (PPW)
Eleanor Burke, Historic Districts Landmarks Comm. (HDLC)
Miriam Lemann, Capital Projects Admin. (CPA)
Stephen Kroll, City Planning Commission (CPC)
William Gilchrist, Place-Based Planning (PBP)

Members Absent

Bryan Lee, Arts Council (AC)

Presenters/Guests (*See sign in sheets at the end of the meeting minutes)

Brittany DesRocher, CPC
Kelly Howard, CPC
Tim Jackson, CPC
Tyler Antrup, CPC
Stosh Kozlowski, CPC
Danica Adams, CPC

MINUTES:

1. **MINUTES:** January 4, 2016, DAC Meeting

MOTION by PBP, seconded by CPA, minutes adopted

***CPC ITEMS:**

2. **Consideration: ZONING DOCKET 020-17** – Conditional Use to permit an addition to an existing medical building with more than 5,000 square feet of floor area in the character preservation corridor design overlay district (BD)
Location: 8040 St. Charles Avenue
Submitted by: Charles Glaser, 8040 St. Charles Avenue, LLC
Contact: cglaser@stcharlesvision.com

Dr. Glaser presented the proposed project. There was discussion regarding the wall fronting on Carrollton Ave. Committee members generally felt it was too massive and needed something to break it up, possibly more detailing. HDLC asked if code would allow fire rated windows or could the design include false windows.

PPW – stated street trees were needed on the landscape plan, specifically a total of five (5) trees in the right of way.

MOTION by HDLC, seconded by PBP to defer until the next DAC meeting on Feb. 1 stipulated that the applicant come back with design alternatives for the wall along Carrollton Ave., as discussed, and landscape plans showing the restored parkway, as discussed. Motion to defer passed.

3. **Reconsideration: DESIGN REVIEW 129-16** - New construction of a gas station in the enhancement corridor design overlay district with over 100' of frontage (SK)
Location: 4401 N. Robertson Street
Submitted by: David Halpern (Kean Miller LLP)
Contact: david.halpern@keanmiller.com

Ray Bergeron, architect, presented revised plans. BZA waivers have been granted and the State has approved the driveway curb cuts.

PPW stated street trees need to be shown on landscape plans, specifically two (2) lives oaks on Poland Ave. side and four (4) sable palms on the N. Robertson Street. side. Also, sidewalks need to be extended along N. Robertson Street to connect to the corner.

MOTION by PPW, seconded by CPA for approval with the provisos that the landscape plan be revised, as discussed, with required trees and sidewalks. Approved.

4. **Consideration: DESIGN REVIEW 001-17** – Installation of new canopies and awnings in an enhancement corridor design overlay district with over 100' of frontage (EH)
Location: 1500 Canal Street
Submitted by: Michael Barr, OPA Graphics
Contact: michael@opagraphics.com

Mr. Barr presented plans for two (2) large canopies and two (2) smaller canopies on the hotel street frontages on Canal Street and Lasalle Street.

There was discussion regarding the Canal Street entrance canopy. Committee felt it appeared to be too low, it should be set a foot or two higher. PPW recommended the canopy not get too close to the existing palm tree.

HDLC also stated the longer metal awning across the building on Canal Street side had support rods that were not in character with the angle of the canopy, suggested changing the angle to make it flatter.

MOTION to approve by HDLC, seconded by PBP, with provisos that the main canopy on Canal Street be raised, and to lessen the angle on the other canopy on Canal Street, as discussed. Motion approved.

5. **Reconsideration: ZONING DOCKET 064-16** – New construction of medical facility in the enhancement corridor design overlay district with over 100' of frontage (DA)
Location: 2500 Louisiana Avenue
Submitted by: Charles Watkins, OGA Acquisitions, LLC
Contact: cwatkins@oman-gibson.com

Charles Watkins, architect, presented revised plans. The committee felt the two canopies, the first floor and the roof, should be the same color. PBP also suggested the canopy project a little more down the side of the building.

PPW stated the blank wall on the east elevation needed more internal. On-site landscaping elements to break up the large blank wall.

MOTION by PPW, seconded by PBP to approve with the provisos that the canopy colors be the same that the first floor canopy extend slightly, and with the recommended landscape revisions, as discussed. Motion adopted.

6. **Consideration: ZONING DOCKET 016-17** – Conditional Use to permit the new construction of a medical clinic, bank and pharmacy with drive-through facility in the corridor transformation design overlay district with over 100' of frontage (TA/TJ)

Location: 1532-1544 Robert E. Lee Boulevard

Submitted by: Kelly Walker, Verges Rome Architects

Contact: kelly@vergesrome.com

CPC introduced the project, K. Walker and C. Verges, architects, presented the revised project plans. Verges stated the proposed bank is no longer part of the project, that space will be additional parking. Committee complimented the design.

PPW stated a new landscape plan needed to be done, the existing one would not work – spacing is wrong, species selection and other issues were pointed out. Applicant agreed.

The parking area that extends north to Robert E. Lee Blvd. needs to be included in the landscape plan since it is part of the project, providing required parking. CPC also pointed out that the landscape plan needs to show more landscaped islands in the parking areas, applicant agreed.

MOTION by PPW, seconded by CPA for approval with provisos the new landscape plan be submitted to CPC and PPW showing landscape revisions, as discussed.. Motion adopted.

****NON-CPC ITEMS:**

7. **Consideration:** El Pájaro y La Niña

Location: Poydras Street between Camp Street and Magazine Street

Submitted by: Michael Manjarris, Hailey Bowen (PPW)

Contact: manjarris@hotmail.com; hdbowen@nola.gov

Michael Manharris presented the two new pieces of art to be placed on Poydras Street replacing existing pieces.

Approved by acclimation

8. **Consideration:** Site improvements at Audubon Park
Location: 6500 St. Charles Avenue
Submitted by: Tom Gibbons, Eskew Dumez Ripple
Contact: tgibbons@eskewdumezripple.com

Tom Gibbons, architect, presented the project. Shelters 11 & 12 in Audubon Park are undergoing renovations and repairs. Project includes new and renovated playground areas, sidewalks and fencing. The restroom renovations include repairs, especially to the respective roofs, and to make the structures ADA compliant.

HDLC asked if ventilation improvements in the restroom buildings were in the scope, Gibbons said no.

MOTION by PBP, seconded by HDLC, for approval with the proviso that a mechanical systems / ventilation investigation be done. Motion approved.

OTHER MATTERS:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

The next Design Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 at 10:00 am in the One Stop Shop Conference Room located in City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, Room 7W03.

DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2017

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