



MINUTES
Courthouse Area Design Review Board
February 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luther Andal called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm via video teleconference.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, state of emergency and Governor Beshear's Executive Orders regarding social distancing, this meeting is being held via teleconference pursuant to Senate Bill 150 (as signed by the Governor on March 30, 2020) and Attorney General Opinion 20-05, and in accordance with KRS 61.826, because it is not feasible to offer a primary physical location for the meeting.

II. ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Luther Andal, Martin Summers, Samantha Castro and Erin Hathaway. Board member Jordan Parker was absent.

Staff members present: Traci Wade, Planning Services Mgr.; Autumn Goderwis, Senior Planner, Design Review Officer; Tracy Jones, Department of Law and Donna Lewis, Planning Services.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Andal called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting.

Board action: A motion was made by Mr. Summers, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 4-0, (Parker absent), to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting.

IV. POSTPONEMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS

There were none.

V. APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION PERMITS

A. Case No. 2021-1 (AJP Properties, LLC) 115 W. Short Street: Requests to make façade alterations to the front and side building including replacing existing windows, replacing the existing front door, removal of the awning, placement of new windows, and painting.

Staff presentation – Ms. Goderwis directed the Board's attention to the presentation on her screen, which she shared. She displayed aerial views of the subject property and described its location. Ms. Goderwis displayed renderings of the proposed project and explained the alterations the applicant wished to make. She stated that staff is in approval of this authorization permit, based on the principles and guidelines within the Courthouse Area Design Guidelines. Ms. Goderwis stated that staff's recommendation of approval is subject to the following three conditions:

1. All necessary permits shall be secured from the Division of Building Inspection prior to construction.
2. The final configuration of the windows in the side façade should be submitted for staff approval prior to installation.
3. Windows shall not be tinted.

Board comments – Ms. Castro commented that she agreed that the ground floor windows should not be tinted. Mr. Summers stated he felt the application met all of the guidelines and was straightforward.

Representation – Mr. Jonathan Pliszka, property owner and applicant, was present via video teleconference. He thanked the Board for their time and consideration of his application.

Board comments and questions – Mr. Andal commented that he also felt these changes were in line with the Courthouse Area Design Review Board Guidelines and he welcomed the freshening along that corridor.

Ms. Castro asked the applicant if they were going to paint the building a new color. Mr. Pliszka stated they will paint the building a new color.

Ms. Hathaway commented that the cornice on the front of the building is an important feature of the building and should not be covered when they replace the signage. Mr. Pliszka acknowledged that they do not intend to alter the cornice.

Board action: A motion was made by Mr. Summers, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 4-0 (Parker absent), to **approve Case No. 2021-1 (AJP Properties, LLC) 115 W. Short Street**, based on staff's recommendation and subject to the three conditions as listed.

VI. SUMMARY OF STAFF APPROVED AUTHORIZATION PERMITS

Ms. Goderwis directed the Board's attention to the presentation on her screen, which she shared. The presentation was for **Case No. 2020-1 Breaking the Bronze Ceiling**: Request to install a monument to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Staff approved that application and the monument has been installed. She displayed some images of the monument.

Board comments – Mr. Summers stated that he recently saw the monument on an international blog on arts in public spaces.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Andal informed the Board that every year a Chair and a Vice-chair should be elected. He opened the discussion to the Board members for the selection of Chair and Vice-chair.

Staff comments – Ms. Goderwis stated for clarification that Mr. Andal is currently the Chair and Mr. Summers is currently the Vice-chair.

Mr. Andal recommended Mr. Summers for the position of Chair or Vice-chair. Ms. Castro agreed to nominate Mr. Summers for Chair and asked if Jordan Parker could be nominated to the position of Vice-chair, even though he was absent. There was some discussion.

Board action – A motion was made by Ms. Castro, seconded by Ms. Hathaway and carried 4-0 (Parker absent and Summers abstained), to nominate Martin Summers to the position of Chair, and to nominate Jordan Parker to the position of Vice-chair.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Board action – A motion was made by Mr. Summers, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 4-0 (Parker absent), to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

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