



MINUTES
Courthouse Area Design Review Board
May 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Summers called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2021 meeting.

Board action: A motion was made by Ms. Castro, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried 4-0, (Andal absent), to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2021 meeting.

IV. POSTPONEMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS

There were none.

V. APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION PERMITS

- A. Case No. 2-2021, Blue Duck Land Company, LLC, 131 Cheapside:** Requests to install a new awning at the outdoor bar along W. Short Street

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 mentioned that the Historic Preservation Downtown Building Inventory lists this building as "significant", meaning that it contributes to the character of the block and has historical significance. She commented that this building has been before the Board several times in the past for modifications; one of which was in 2009 for the outdoor bar along W. Short St., which is the site for the currently proposed awning.

Ms. Goderwis displayed renderings of the proposed project and described the awning the applicant wished to install. She stated that the Office of Historic Preservation and Planning staff have reviewed this application and agree that the installation of this awning would be appropriate in this location. Ms. Goderwis stated this recommendation of approval is based on the following three principles of design in the Courthouse Area.

Basic principles of Design in the Courthouse Area:

- a. Principle 1: Maintain a clear definition of the street edge.
- b. Principle 2: Enhance the street level as an inviting place for pedestrians.
- c. Principle 3: Relate to traditional buildings in the area.

Ms. Goderwis noted that this application is also in compliance with **Design Guideline 2.15**, which is to develop the ground floor level of a project to encourage pedestrian activity. She also stated that the recommendation of approval is subject to two conditions:

1. All necessary permits shall be secured from the Division of Building Inspection prior to construction.
2. An encroachment agreement shall be secured from the Division of Engineering prior to construction.

Representation – Mr. Ben Gallagher, design architect, was present via video teleconference on behalf of the property owner. He indicated the applicant was in agreement with the findings of the staff report and the conditions imposed by it. Mr. Gallagher said he did not have anything else to add, stating the awning was a straightforward awning.

Board question – Mr. Parker asked Mr. Gallagher what the time line from start to completion was. Mr. Gallagher replied that they wished to start the process as soon as possible and that it may take two weeks to obtain the building permit and the right-of-way encroachment. He said it should not take long to install the awning once they have obtained the permits.

Board Action – A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Hathaway and carried 4-0 (Andal absent), to **approve Case No. 2-2021, Blue Duck Land Company, LLC, 131 Cheapside:** Request for an authorization permit to install a new awning at the outdoor bar along W. Short Street, based on staff's recommendation and subject to the two conditions as listed.

VI. SUMMARY OF STAFF APPROVED AUTHORIZATION PERMITS

There were none.

VII. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Chair Summers announced that his second and final term of serving on the Courthouse Area Design Review Board was ending June 30, 2021. He mentioned that Mr. Parker's first term was ending at that time as well. Chair Summers asked Mr. Parker if he wished to serve another term. Mr. Parker stated that he did not wish to.

There was discussion regarding filling the positions of chair and vice-chair. Ms. Castro stated that she could not serve as chair as she is an LFUCG employee representative; therefore, that meant only Ms. Hathaway could fill the position of chair. Ms. Goderwis stated that the positions on the Board that needed to be filled were those of Design Professional or Historic Preservation Representative, which is the role Mr. Summers has been filling; a banking representative, which has been filled by Mr. Parker; and that of a business owner within the Courthouse Area, which has been filled by Mr. Andal. Mr. Andal had previously informed staff that he did not wish to serve another term on the Board.

Action – A motion was made by Ms. Castro, seconded by Mr. Summers and carried 4-0 (Andal absent, Hathaway abstained) to elect Ms. Hathaway to fill the position of chair going forward.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Board action – A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Castro and carried 4-0 (Andal absent), to adjourn at 2:23 p.m.

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