



City of Montevallo Design Review Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2022

Present: Courtney Bennett
Julie Smitherman
Brandelyn Nelson
Kevin Hughes

1. Verification of Quorum

DRC Committee Chair, C. Bennett, verified that a quorum was present. 4 of the 5 commission members were in attendance.

2. Call to Order

DRC Committee Chair, C. Bennett, called the meeting to order at 3:09 PM.

3. Strand – Façade Improvements

This is a request from Stacia Brady, property owner, to replace the roof fencing sign for the Strand Coffeehouse, with a custom cut steel screen.

The subject property is located at 620 Main Street and within the Urban Core; Parcel Identification Number 58-27-5-21-3-304-028.000.

J. Smitherman made a motion to approve the project as presented, seconded by K. Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. El Agave – Façade Improvements

This is a request from Anabel Catano, property owner, to add vinyl fencing around the exterior seating area for the restaurant, which may include the removal of a street tree.

The subject property is located at 628[sic] Main Street and within the Urban Core; Parcel Identification Number 58-27-5-21-3-304-030.000.

B. Nelson made a motion to approve the project as presented without the removal of a street tree at this time, seconded by K. Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. The Flower Shop – Façade Improvements

This is a request from James Smith, lease holder, with permission of the property owner, Barry Studdard, to pressure wash the building, repaint, trim, add flower boxes and a new hanging sign.

The subject property is located at 981 Island Street and within the Urban Core; Parcel Identification Number 58-27-5-21-3-305-038.001.

B. Nelson made a motion to approve the project as presented, seconded by K. Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Freddie’s Books & More – New Sign

This is a request from Coastal Oaks LLC, Signarama, with permission of the property owner, to install a new sign on the exterior of the building.

The subject property is located at 845 Main Street and within the Urban Core; Parcel Identification Number 58-27-5-21-3-305-018.000.

K. Hughes made a motion to request that the applicant revisit the design and propose a sign more appropriate for a building located in the Downtown Historic District (specifically, a metal sign indirectly illuminated or individually internally lit lettering similar to the existing “Barnes & Noble” sign), seconded by B. Nelson. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. KFC – Sign Modification

This is a request from Jack Marshall Foods KFC, property owner, to modify the existing KFC pylon sign to include a changeable copy marquee.

The subject property is located at 950 Main Street and within the Urban Core; Parcel Identification Number 58-5-21-3-305-033.000.

J. Smitherman made a motion to approve the project, with the modification that a clear sealing cabinet also be installed over the marquee area, seconded by K. Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Other Business

DRC Committee Chair, C. Bennett, informed committee members that the mayor proposed an amendment to the City’s Code of Ordinances, which had its first reading during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on June 27. This amendment will likely be voted on during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on July 11. In summary, the mayor has proposed that the Historical Preservation Commission review projects going forward in the historic district, instead of the DRC.

[Sec. 2-296.](#) - Creation of an architectural review board.

(a) Creation of the board. The city council may elect to create an architectural review board (DRC), hereinafter called the board, to perform the duties and responsibilities of the commission in accepting, considering and approving or rejecting applications for certificates of appropriateness, ~~as set out in section 2-294.~~ **except for those related to designated historic structures or structures within a designated historic district.**

9. Adjourn

On a motion by J. Smitherman, seconded by B. Nelson, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM.