



**MINUTES OF THE  
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD (DRB)**

Wednesday, August 3, 2016  
4:00 PM

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Ray Brown, Ms. Kelly Smith, Mr. Carl Person, Mr. Colin McDoniel, Ms. Joyce Selina Love, Ms. Rebecca Conrad, Ms. Nancy Jane Baker, and Mr. Rod DeBerry

**Board Members Absent:** Ms. Suhair Lauck

**DMC Staff Present:** Mr. Jake Goff, Ms. Debra Streeter, Ms. Leslie Gower, and Mr. Brett Roler

**Guests:** Mr. Tommy Pacello, Mr. Steve Auterman, Ms. Cat Pena, Mr. Stephen Edwards, and Mr. James Stokes

**I-II. Call to Order & Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. DeBerry joined the meeting via conference call. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Mr. Person made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2016 DRB meeting as submitted. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**III. Current Applications:**

**DRB # 16-41; Edge District Public Realm Improvements**

Chairman Brown disclosed an existing professional relationship with the Memphis Medical District Collaborative (MMDC) on a separate project. The consensus of the Board was that there is no conflict of interest following this disclosure and the Board asked him to Chair the meeting.

Ms. Gower explained the partnership between DMC and the MMDC to identify and address much needed improvements to the public realm within the Edge district. Existing conditions include poor pedestrian crossings and connections, lack of green and gathering spaces, awkward vehicular sight lines and flow, substandard landscaping, excessive chain link fencing and use of razor wire, lack of lighting, benches, public art, and other issues that result in negative visitor experience and poor environmental aesthetics.

Ms. Gower added that DRB approval is required because the CCDC recently approved a \$240,000 Grant to fund the four (4) improvement projects in The Edge. The plan is designed to build the pedestrian and visitor experience primarily by calming vehicular traffic; adding benches, trash cans, planters; improving and maintaining landscaping; building pedestrian gathering areas; installing public art; and adding pedestrian crossings at key intersections.

Mr. Pacello provided a brief overview of the MMDC and its goals for the proposed public realm improvements. Seeing no further questions, Ms. Conrad made a motion to approve the project as presented by staff. Ms. Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**DRB # 16-42; Edge District Public Art Project**

Ms. Gower stated that in 2014, CCDC commissioned eight artists, called The Collaboratory, to do a deep dive into The Edge as an intensive study of neighborhood character, history, attributes and needs relative to public art. Collectively the artists proposed several projects that they felt would greatly enhance The Edge to a selection committee. That committee, comprised of Arts Memphis, Urban Art Commission, Brooks Museum, Edge residents and business owners, CCDC members and DMC staff, selected the following projects:

- Maker’s Walk, 10 sidewalk etchings at various locations – by Cedar Nordbye
- Untitled mural, 430 Monroe Ave – by Lester Merriweather
- Suspended art installation, intersection of Marshall & Monroe – by Cat Pena
- Garage door murals, 10 installations on various garage doors – by Kirsten Williams

Ms. Pena spoke on behalf of the artists and explained each project. Following a general discussion about project details, safety and structure, and project lifespan, Mr. Person made a motion to approve the four (4) public art projects as presented by staff. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**IV. Other Business**

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 PM.