



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

Wednesday, September 4, 2019
4:00 PM

Board Members Present: Ray Brown, Deni Reilly, Rebecca Conrad, Brian Bacchus, Roderick DeBerry and Valentina Cochran and Colin McDoniel

Board Members Absent: Joyce Selina Love, Suhair Lauck and Sheila Urevbu

DMC Staff Present: Jennifer Oswalt, Brett Roler, Christine Taylor, Abe Lueders, Erik Stevenson, Penelope Huston and Ellery Ammons

Guests: Ken Welch, James Stokes, Aron Thompson, Derrick Moore, James Siao, Che Stratte, Sam Aroutiounian, Kathy Kelley, Larry Springfield, Jason Jackson, Cameron Cooper and Susan Ellis.

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

Ray Brown called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. Rebecca Conrad made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2019 DRB meeting as submitted. Roderick DeBerry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ellery Ammons noted the locations of each project before started the first presentation.

III. Current Applications:

DRB #19-107 – 634 Union Avenue, Slim & Husky’s

Ms. Ammons presented the DRB application for exterior renovation for property located at 634 Union Avenue. The applicant is planning an extensive interior and exterior renovation, which includes new decorative exterior lights, outdoor patio, public art and signage. Applicants Derrick Moore (SH Co-Owner) and Aron Thompson (Moody Nolan) was present to answer questions. Rebecca Conrad made the motion to approve the application as presented, Deni Reilly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DRB #19-67R1 – 477 S Main, Arrive Hotel

Ms. Ammons presented the DRB application for enhanced architectural lighting, public art & signage for property located at 477 South Main Street. The DRB approved a projecting sign at the June DRB meeting and applicant has returned for approval of enhanced architectural lighting, public art and additional signage. Managing Director, James Siao was present to answer questions. Roderick DeBerry made the motion to approve the application and Valentina Cochran seconded the motion, Rebecca Conrad motioned to amend the motion that the applicant would provide an accurate rendering (view from underneath canopy exiting building and also facing building) of the signage for Hustle & Dough, and return rendering for administrative approval. The project was conditionally approved.

DRB #19-106 – 123 Court Avenue

Ms. Ammons presented the DRB application for exterior renovation for property located at 123 Court Avenue. The proposed scope of work includes new overhead doors, a new entrance door, new windows, outdoor seating, a small deck, exterior lighting and signage. Applicants Samuel Aroutiounian and Che Stratte was present to answer questions. Rebecca Conrad made the motion to approve the application with suggested conditions, applicant will provide accurate rendering of front rendering for administrative approval. Roderick DeBerry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DRB #19-105 – 392 Beale Street, Suga Shack

Ms. Ammons presented the DRB application for exterior renovation for property located at 392 Beale Street. Exterior renovation include exterior painting, new windows and doors, exterior lighting, public art mural, and rear addition to accommodate a new commercial kitchen and ADA-accessible restrooms. Applicant Larry Springfield was present to answer questions. Valentina Cochran made the motion to approve the application as presented and Roderick DeBerry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DRB #19-92 – 200 Beale Street, Handy Park

Ms. Ammons presented the DRB application for site improvements for property located at 200 Beale Street. The design proposes an exciting vision to reclaim the park as an inviting urban civic space and as a memorable concert destination. The new modifiable perimeter fence will act as public art. Along the central axis, the open plaza will contain movable café seating and a bosque of trees for shading. At center-stage, the statue W.C. Handy will be prominently placed in the center of the park and highlighted with colorful lighting, along with the rest of the park, drawing in nightlife with a bright and festive ambiance. Applicant Cameron Cooper was present to answer questions. Rebecca Conrad made the motion to approve the application as presented, Valentina Cochran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.