

# **Meeting Minutes**

**Downtown Commission** 

Location: 111 North Front Street, Room 204

Date: July 26, 2022
Time: 8:30am

Commissioners Present: Steve Wittmann (Chair), Jana Maniace (Vice-Chair), Robert Loversidge, Mike Lusk,

Jennifer Rittler, Trudy Bartley, Otto Beatty

Absent: Tony Slanec Staff Present: Luis Teba

# Call to Order (8:30)

• Swear in Staff

- Introduction of Commissioners
- Overview of Hearing Format
- Public Forum

# A. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Discussion: N/A

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. Motion by: Loversidge/Rittler (7-0-0) APPROVED.

#### **B.** Continued Applications

1) N/A

# C. New Applications

1) DC 22-07-012

366 East Broad

Vera on Broad LLC / Archall, Brad Parish

Request for Action

#### **Exterior Building Alteration**

Removal of approved perforated screening and addition of perforated overhead door.

## Discussion:

Jonathan Grubb presented.

- Loversidge asked how far back the ramp was from the front.
- Grub replied 8-12 inches.
- Wittmann asked if they were proposing to paint the ramps.
- · Grubb replied they were.
- Loversidge asked why they don't continue the graphics onto the second floor.
- Grubb answered that they were just going to paint it.
- Wittmann said he didn't want the graphics overdone.
- Loversidge said he felt the graphic should continue onto the second floor ramp.
- Rittler asked if the modifications were only driven by cost or design.
- Grubb replied that it was design driven. The older design appeared as a wall.
- Maniace said she would like some portion of the graphics to continue upward.

#### Motion: To approve the proposal with the following conditions:

• The graphics should continue upward onto the second floor ramp.

Motion by: Loversidge/Maniace (7-0-0) APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

## 2) DC 22-07-004

#### 2 Miranova Place

CH Miranova Corporate Tower LLC / Signcom, Incorporated

Request for Action

#### **Graphics**

Installation of a corporate tower/skyline wall sign.

#### Discussion:

Bruce Summerfeld presented.

- Rittler asked how the dots would be attached.
- Summerfeld replied it would be structurally attached to the heart.

Motion: To approve the proposal as presented.

Motion by: Loversidge/Maniace (7-0-0). APPROVED

## 3) DC\_22-07-005

#### 77 Belle Street

RB Scioto LLC / RBH Acquisition LLC c/o Rockbridge Capital

Request for Action

# **Exterior Building Alterations / Landscaping**

Modifications to a previously approved hotel and sidewalk dining.

#### **Discussion:**

Julie Brownfield and Heather Vasquez Johnson presented.

Steve Wittmann recused himself.

- Loversidge asked how stormwater would be handled.
- Johnson replied it would go into a gutter system.

Motion: To approve the proposal as presented.

Motion by: Rittler/Bartley (6-0-0). APPROVED [WITTMANN RECUSED]

#### 4) DC 22-07-006

Three locations in the public right-of-way

City of Columbus / Capital Crossroads

Request for Action

#### **New Construction**

Installation of three public restrooms within the public right of way.

#### Discussion:

Lisa Defendiefer, Robert Furgeson, and Mark Klinger presented.

- Wittmann asked if there were public restrooms Downtown.
  - Defendiefer replied at the Statehouse and the Public Library.
- Maniace said that the second location appears too close to the intersection. This is such a prominent street, could it be put north?
- Furgeson said they were trying to get it as close to the corner as possible.
- Loversidge said that is the wrong approach. This is one of the most prominent intersections. It should be pushed a little further north.
- Furgeson said they would look into that.
- Other commissioners agreed.
- Beatty said he wasn't sure if he agreed. He would like to see some alternate views.
- Bartley said that it just obstructs the pedestrian view.
- Furgeson said that the sidewalk gets narrower and narrower as you go north.
- · Bartley asked if they were self-cleaning.
- Defendiefer said they were not.
- Wittmann asked if it was open on the top and bottom.

- Defendiefer said they were open for clean air and safety issues.
- Lusk asked if there was signage identifying them as bathrooms.
- Defendiefer said there wasn't, but they will consider it.
- · Wittmann asked who cleans it.
- Defendiefer said it would be the SID and they would clean it three times a day, or perhaps more if necessary.
- Loversidge asked if there would be a floor drain and if the loos would be lit.
- Furgeson said that they would install a floor drain and a light.
- Beatty stated that there was a blue light that would discourage drug use.
- Furgeson said that was correct.
- Maniace said they should use the universal bathroom sign.
- Defendiefer said that was a great idea.

#### Motion: To approve the proposal with the following conditions:

• Broad and Third location be moved further north away from the intersection.

# Motion by: Bartley/Maniace (7-0-0). APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

## 5) DC 22-07-007

# 59 Spruce Street

Steve Alvarez / Brian Suiter

Request for Action

#### **Graphics**

Relocation of an existing sign.

#### **Discussion:**

Julie Brownfield and Brian Suiter presented.

- Loversidge stated that it was a bit big, but it would look scaled appropriate when the new building goes in.
- Maniace asked that it be raised just enough to not cover up the arch of the brick on the windows.
- Suiter replied that it was a good observation.
- Wittmann said he did like the gap on top of the sign.

# Motion: to approve the proposal as presented

Motion by: Loversidge / Beatty (7-0-0). APPROVED

# 6) DC 22-07-008

# 342 East Long Street

The 2017 Rolland E George Trust / Hempnotize LLC

Request for Action

## **Exterior Building Alterations**

Modifications consisting of parapet, storefront, windows, planters, and parking.

#### **Discussion:**

Mark Thompson and Brian Savage presented.

- Thompson indicated that the pole sign will remain.
- Savage stated that the glass block will be clear.
- Loversidge asked if they were keeping the access on grant.
- Thompson said they would.
- Beatty asked what the business will be.
- Savage replied that it would be a dispensary.
- Lusk asked if there would be deliveries at the front door.
- Savage replied that was the intent.
- Lusk asked how they would handle traffic.

• Savage said they were in discussions with the other tenant to hopefully have them use the alley for their deliveries.

Motion: To approve the proposal as presented.

Motion by: Loversidge / Bartley (7-0-0). APPROVED

#### 7) DC 22-07-009

#### 580 East Rich Street

Obrien Development / Columbus Design LLC

Request for Action

# **New Construction / Lot Combination**

Construction of 5 new dwelling units in two separate buildings.

#### **Discussion:**

Karrick Sherrill presented.

- Maniace asked if the apparatus access lane couldn't be a softer landscaping material.
- Sherrod said he could attempt to work with the fire department, but he couldn't promise anything.
- Loversidge asked if it couldn't be offset to allow grass in front of the buildings.
- Sherrod said he would like to look for solutions to soften up the area.
- Teba asked what the site was parked at.
- Sherrod said two spaces per unit.
- Teba replied that was relatively high and is driving the amount of impervious surfaces being proposed.
- Loversidge stated that they should approve the buildings and have them return with a landscaping plan.
- Wittmann asked what the hardscape was made of.
- Sherrod said it was asphalt, but they would see if they could improve it.
- Rittler asked if the fire department needed to be able to drive through.
- Sherrod said that they most likely would.
- Rittler said that perhaps the hashed area could be moved north, and allow for a different material on the south side.
- Loversidge asked if Sherrod was happy with the rooftop projections. Wouldn't it be better if it had more glazing and felt like a belvedere?
- Sherrod said that yes, he would, but the programming inside limits the glazing. The location of them on the building should limit their view from the ground.
- Loversidge stated that the parking area could appear more as a courtyard.

Motion: To approve the proposal with the following conditions:

• The buildings are approved, the applicant must return with a detailed site and landscaping plan.

# Motion by: Lusk / Loversidge (7-0-0). APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

# D. Conceptual Applications

1) **N/A** 

# E. Staff Approved Applications

1) DC 22-07-001

280 East Broad Street
Franklin County / Michelle Appelbaum
Ground signs

# 2) DC\_22-07-002

43 West Long Street

Long Street Associates / Orange Barrel Media

Ad-Mural

# 3) DC 22-07-003

475 East Town Street Cathryn & Jeffrey Geppert / Cathryn & Jeffrey Geppert Roof, Window, railing repairs

#### 4) DC 22-07-010

145 North High Street
William and Mary Yarbrough / William and Mary Yarbrough
Windows

# 5) DC 22-07-011

402-404 North High
Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority / Meyers + Associates, Chris Meyers
Staff approved graphics

#### 6) DC\_22-07-013

471 East Broad Street Motorist Mutual Insurance Co / Shelby Nelson **Temporary Banners** 

# 7) DC\_22-07-014

534 East Rich Street Todd Schiff, Schiff Capital / Oliver Holtsberry, DaNite Sign Canopy Sign

Motion: To enter the staff approved applications into the formal record. Motion by: Lusk / Loversidge (7-0-0)

#### F. New Business

1) N/A

#### **G. Old Business**

1) N/A

# H. Adjournment 10:30am

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