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Meeting Minutes - Draft Downtown Area Design Review

Thursday, January 5, 2012

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 6 - Gary Wolfe, Ryan Rudie, Richard Christensen, Brian O'Connell, Micah Waters and John Monefeldt

EXCUSED: 2 - David Popoff and O. Keith Fair

Approval of Minutes for the December 1, 2011 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Wolfe to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

12-7239

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of a sign plan for Axis Property Management & Home Improvements, LLC at 304 Sixth Street. (DC-12)

Rich Hernandez of Axis Property Management & Home Improvements presented the sign plans describing the font, materials, and colors.

Commission members found the sign text layout to be cluttered and difficult to read. Members offered suggestion for improvements to the sign readability addressing text quantity and layout, and height above the sidewalk. Members found that the proposed layout's usage as a window graphics was acceptable, but deferred action on the projecting sign.

A motion was made by Director O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Rudie, to defer action on this item. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

11-6984

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of a façade grant request for a façade renovation project at 211 Sixth Street. (DC-11)

Providing purely factual information, Richard Christensen updated Commission members on the redesign of the three season area, and the impact on obtaining appropriate bid information.

A motion was made by Director O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Wolfe, to defer action on this item. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Administrative Business

Update on Laural Clark Splash Pad Pump House and Bathroom: Principal Planner Sadowski informed Commission members that due to unforeseen expenses for methane collection, and higher than anticipated costs for poured-in-place concrete

water table, said water table will now be constructed of concrete block and painted. The dimensional profile of the water table section will remain the same as if it were poured in place.

Update on Access Corridor Development Review Committee: Director O'Connell informed Commission members that the ordinance to disband the Access Corridor Committee should be finalized in the next few weeks. In response to Commission members' inquiries, Director O'Connell stated that in cases where enhanced design critiques may be desired, projects may be referred to the Downtown Area Design Review Commission for review and comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission and hearing no objections, Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew G. Sadowski, Secretary
Principal Planner*