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Meeting Minutes - Final Downtown Area Design Review

Chairman Richard Christensen, Alderman Jeff Coe, Robert Hartmann, Gary Wolfe, Brian O'Connell, Micah Waters, David Popoff, Ryan Rudie

Thursday, November 6, 2008

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

PRESENT: 6 - David Popoff, Richard Christensen, Robert Hartmann, Gary Wolfe, Brian O'Connell and Micah Waters

EXCUSED: 2 - Jeff Coe and Ryan Rudie

Approval of Minutes for the October 2, 2008 meeting.

A motion was made by Commission member Hartmann, seconded by Commission member Waters, to approve the Minutes. The motion **PASSED** by a Voice Vote.

08-2607

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of a request for a facade grant for signage and fire escapes at 505-507 Sixth Street (Sixth and Seventh Street facades).

Mark Levine described his reasoning for seeking an extension of up to two years time in which to finalize his project scope and prepare plans for submittal.

Commissions were not adverse to approving a grant for what has been approved to date with Mr. Levine filing a grant request in the future once plans are submitted, subject to the availability of funds, but were not willing to hold open his grant request.

It was moved by Commissioner Waters and seconded by Commissioner Popoff to approve a façade grant for the plans previously approved in September of 2008 for the Seventh Street facade. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Waters.

It was moved by Commissioner Waters and seconded by Commissioner Hartmann to allow future submittal for the balance of unused grant funds, pending funding availability, citing unique circumstances surrounding the poor and incomplete execution of facade improvement by the previous owner. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Waters.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Waters and seconded by Commissioner Hartmann to defer action on this item. Motion approved.

08-2728

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of a request for a façade grant for façade remodeling project 316 Main Street.

Recommendation of the Downtown Area Design Review

Commission 10-2-08: To defer this item.

It was moved by Commissioner Popoff and seconded by Commissioner Hartmann to ratify the results of the polling to approve the grant request

subject to signs, front entry tile samples, and paint colors will be submitted for Commission approval, and that the Commission is willing to be polled on these details. Motion approved with Commissioner Waters abstaining.

08-2869

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of a sign proposal for Crystal Morris of Fireside Ribs & Fish at 515 Sixth Street.

Following a discussion with Crystal Morris, Bob Watson and Steve Denko (Sign-A-Rama), and citing the need for the submittal to be reworked, it was moved by Director O'Connell and seconded by Commissioner Waters to deny this request without prejudice. Motion approved.

08-2870

Subject: (Direct Referral) Review of a sign proposal for Eunkung Youn of Asiana Restaurant at 423 Sixth Street.

Following a discussion with Eunkung Youn and citing the need for the submittal to be reworked, it was moved by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hartmann to deny this request without prejudice. Motion approved.

Ms. Youn was instructed that her options are to resubmit in 60 days or remove existing signs after 60 days.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission and hearing no objections, Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Matthew G. Sadowski
Secretary, Principal Planner*