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Meeting Minutes - Final

Downtown Area Design Review

Amy Connolly
Alderman Jeff Coe
Michael Rosiensi
John Monefeldt
Micah Waters
Ryan Rudie
Richard Christensen

Thursday, June 1, 2017

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 5 - Amy Connolly, Michael Rosiensi, Micah Waters, Ryan Rudie and Richard Christensen

EXCUSED: 2 - Jeff Coe and John Monefeldt

Approval of Minutes for the May 11, 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Rudie, to approve the minutes of the May 11th meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

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Subject: (Direct Referral) A request from Andrew Meyer for review and approval of a White Box Program Grant for the property at 322 Sixth Street.

Attachments: [322 Sixth Street WB](#)
[June ABM White Box 322 Sixth Street](#)

Chief Building Inspector Ken Plaski introduced the request. He stated the proposal was to build out the most western storefront first floor for a restaurant space.

Commissioner Waters asked if each storefront would be eligible for a White Box Grant.

Director Connolly stated that as of now only one building would be eligible, however, the requirements may want to be reviewed for larger properties with multiple storefronts.

The applicant, Andrew Meyer, stated he plans to do a lot more with the building.

Director Connolly asked the Commission how they felt about allowing multiple storefronts.

Chairman Christensen stated for the White Box it might make sense, however, not for the Façade Grant.

Director Connolly stated she would mention it to the Redevelopment Authority. She further explained that the program is almost out of money.

Chief Inspector Plaski stated 1028 Douglas Avenue has submitted information and are eligible for \$20,000, after which only \$7,500.00 will be left.

Commissioner Waters asked what the boundaries were for the program.

Director Connolly and Assistant Director Matt Sadowski stated it is the same as the façade grant program.

Chairman Christensen asked about the spread in the cost estimates.

Director Connolly asked about the plumbing bid.

Mr. Meyer stated that he had Absolute Construction act as the general contractor and did all of the bids. He stated one plumber went high to cover themselves.

Director Connolly stated she would like to see more of a breakdown of the cost estimates. She reminded the applicant that no kitchen equipment could be purchased with White Box funds.

A brief discussion took place regarding the approval process for the White Box program. Commissioner Waters asked Chief Inspector Plaski if the applicants should be coming to the DADRC for approval.

Commissioner Rudie would like to see costs broken out more, i.e. tenant build-out vs. white box costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Rosiensi, to approve White Box grant for 322 Sixth Street. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Rosiensi, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.