

Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: February 23, 2021

Location: Zoom Teleconference

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King, Lee Ledbetter

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent: Miriam Salas

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Robbery Boyd

Result: Passed

In favor: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King, Lee Ledbetter

Opposed:

Comments:

2. 621 Canal St.

Application: Renovation of three-story commercial building including modifications to storefront, signage, gallery railings, and other exterior changes.

Motion: The ARC recommended denial of the application. The ARC agreed that the proposal in general is not appropriate and is not respectful of the historic building's character. Although the removal of the awnings at the third floor windows and painting of the upper floors are acceptable, the ARC found that the other proposed design changes do not meet HDLC guidelines, including the painting of the granite at the first floor, installation of signage/paneling over the granite entablature, artificial foliage on the columns, branded railing design, removal of existing wood shutters, and replacement of existing sconces with globe light fixtures. Additionally, the service of food and beverage through service windows is prohibited in this area by the New Orleans municipal code, so the proposed walk-up takeout windows would not be permitted.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

In Favor: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King, Lee Ledbetter

Opposed:

Comments:

3. 623 Canal St.

Application: Installation of new storefront system.

Motion: The ARC voted to defer this application for additional review so that the applicant may attend the meeting. The ARC noted that it would be preferable if the new storefront had more of a visual relationship with the composition of the upper floors. For example, there should be dividing pilasters that align with the solid portions of wall between the windows above.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Robert Boyd

Result: Passed

In Favor: Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi, Ashley King, Lee Ledbetter

Opposed:

Comments:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.