

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17th, 2023

Location: City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, 8th Floor Homeland Security Conference Room, New Orleans, LA, 70112.

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Robert Boyd, Miriam Salas, Ashley King, Robby Cangelosi, Randy Hutchison

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent:

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the September 19th, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes.

By: Ashley King

Second: Miriam Salas

Result: Passed

In favor: Robert Boyd, Miriam Salas, Ashley King, Robby Cangelosi, Randy Hutchison

Opposed:

2. 1042-1060 Magazine St.

Application: Final detail review of previously approved new construction of a 31,550 SF two-story museum and storage building, including demolition of an existing Contributing rated two-story warehouse building to grade.

Motion: The ARC voted to recommend conceptual approval with the final details to be worked out at the Staff level. The ARC agreed that:

- The revisions made since the previous review have improved the overall design.
- The additional vertical muntin at the 1st and 2nd floor windows helps to make them all more cohesive and appears to have resolved the previous proportionality issue.
- The proposed seamless muntin with no exterior cap could also be expressed at the exterior like a more typical window division and may help further unify the windows.
- The raised area of parapet above the left-side exhibit entry door appears too residential in character and should be eliminated so the parapet is a consistent height at this area.
- The applicant should consider revising the two narrow windows shown above the left-side exhibit entry door to match the adjacent larger, rectangular windows, as this may improve the overall façade composition and may be easier to construct.
- If exterior signage is desired, the location and type should be considered and integrated into the overall building design now.

By: Randy Hutchinson

Second: Miriam Salas

Result: Passed

In Favor: Robert Boyd, Miriam Salas, Ashley King, Robby Cangelosi, Randy Hutchison

Opposed:

3. 709 Tchoupitoulas St.

Application: Review of updated gallery post locations since previous approval of renovation of a Contributing rated, 2-1/2 story commercial building including installation of new gallery.

Motion: The ARC voted to defer the application for additional review. The ARC agreed that:

- The proposed gallery post spacing shown in Option 1 was preferred.

- The overall gallery post spacing should be more consistent, and the applicant should investigate the feasibility of shifting the left-side post further toward the left and closer to the NOPSI manhole, and shifting the third-from-left column toward the right so it is on the opposite side of the drain manhole.
- The gallery should be cut back slightly at the left side to better align with the edge of the relocated corner post below, rather than the gallery extending past the post.
- The downspout should be updated graphically so it does not read as being in front of the gallery.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

In Favor: Robert Boyd, Miriam Salas, Ashley King, Robby Cangelosi, Randy Hutchison

Opposed:

4. 512 Gravier St.

Application: Modification of existing first-floor door to shutter and installation of new recessed storefront entry as part of renovation of fire-damaged Significant rated three-story, mixed-use building.

Motion: The ARC voted to recommend conceptual approval with the final details to be worked out at the Staff level. The ARC agreed the proposed door to shutter modification is appropriate based on the fact the existing doors are non-historic reproductions of the original millwork, and because the original design intent of these doors was likely to create an open first-floor commercial space, like the current proposal for the left-most opening. The ARC also noted the transom bar of the proposed storefront entry should be increased in thickness to improve its overall proportions.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Randy Hutchinson

Result: Passed

In Favor: Robert Boyd, Miriam Salas, Ashley King, Robby Cangelosi, Randy Hutchison

Opposed:

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