

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2021

Location: Zoom Teleconference

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Ashley King, Miriam Salas, Lee Ledbetter, Robby Cangelosi

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent: Robert Boyd

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Approve the Minutes

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

In favor: Ashley King, Miriam Salas, Lee Ledbetter, Robby Cangelosi

Opposed:

Comments:

2. 837 Camp St

Application: Detail review of new construction of 81,500 SF, six-story commercial building.

Motion: Defer the application until the conditional use that includes waivers for the proposed height, two garage door openings, and two curb cuts, has been approved.

By: Miriam Salas

Second: Ashley King

Result: Failed

In Favor: Ashley King, Miriam Salas

Opposed: Lee Ledbetter, Robby Cangelosi

Comments:

Motion: Deny the application until the conditional use that includes waivers for the proposed height, two garage door openings, and two curb cuts, has been approved.

By: Lee Ledbetter

Second: Robby Cangelosi

Result: Withdrawn

In Favor:

Opposed:

Comments:

Motion: Defer the application until the conditional use that includes waivers for the proposed height, two garage door openings, and two curb cuts, has been approved. ARC stated that the two-door garage openings are not appropriate on the streetscape. The cornice and columns at the balconies read too heavy and should be visually lighter.

By: Miriam Salas

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

In Favor: Ashley King, Miriam Salas, Lee Ledbetter, Robby Cangelosi

Opposed:

Comments: Bruce and Marguerite Culpepper spoke in opposition of the proposal.

3. 1040 St Charles Ave

Application: Rooftop installation of telecommunications equipment on a 8-story, multi-use commercial building.

Motion: Defer the application for further study. The ARC stated mounting the new antennas at the rear penthouse or on the interior parapet would be more appropriate even if the antennas need to be taller to achieve the suggested locations. The antennas should be a different color than the building to differentiate the new technology from the historic building.

By: Lee Ledbetter

Second: Robby Cangelosi

Result: Passed

In Favor: Ashley King, Miriam Salas, Lee Ledbetter, Robby Cangelosi

Opposed:

Comments:

4. 1031 Annunciation St

Application: Restoration of existing warehouse facade and new construction of five-story commercial building.

Motion: Defer the application for further review. The ARC agreed that the conceptual design of the two-story section along Poeyfarre St. (section A in the diagram) was not successful, as it mimics the proportions and materials of the existing building but lacks the level of detail associated with a more traditional style. Since that portion already relates to the historic building in massing, it could be a completely different material and style; however, the linear metal siding and slit windows of the upper volume (B) would not be appropriate at the street level. It should still relate to the context in terms of proportions, rhythm of openings, and ratio of solid wall to glazing. A more exaggerated hyphen between the existing building and the addition would help to further differentiate the two sections.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Lee Ledbetter

Result: Passed

In Favor: Ashley King, Miriam Salas, Lee Ledbetter, Robby Cangelosi

Opposed:

Comments:

5. 848 Carondelet St

Application: Installation of new entry door at existing 5-story, mixed use commercial building.

Motion: Conceptual approval with details to be worked out at staff level. The ARC stated that the horizontal divisions in the door do not fit within the existing architecture and suggested a solid door or all glass door. The ARC recommended verifying with Safety & Permits that the door swing and ramp meet building code for ADA landings.

By: Ashley King

Second: Robby Cangelosi

Result: Passed

In Favor: Ashley King, Miriam Salas, Lee Ledbetter, Robby Cangelosi

Opposed:

Comments:

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