

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2021

Location: Zoom Teleconference

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

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

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent: Lee Ledbetter

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Ashley King

Result: Passed

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

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 voted to deny the proposed lighting scheme and railing design. The position of the main entrance and grading of the sidewalk should be further explored. A new lighting and railing proposal must be submitted to be considered. The ARC made the following recommendations:

- The lighting proposal still does not meet the guidelines. The marquee-style bulbs around the entire perimeter of the gallery are not appropriate. The building uplighting should also be eliminated; lighting should be positioned so that only gallery or walkway surfaces are illuminated.
- Even with the removal of the chicken elements, the railing design is not appropriate. Although an alternative railing may be acceptable, a contemporary railing should be a simplification or interpretation of a more traditional railing type. The proposed railing does not relate to any historic fabric in the area.
- More consideration should be given to the new position of the entry in relation to the sidewalk. The sidewalk at that corner is sloped, so it may be difficult or not possible to create the level entrance as shown in the rendering. Sidewalk modifications should be considered in the design stage to avoid issues during construction.
- The ARC wanted to confirm that no changes would be made to the existing columns. The columns shown in the rendering do not match the detailing of the current columns.

By: Ashley King

Second: Robby Cangelosi

Result: Passed

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

Opposed:

Comments:

3. 633 Canal St

Application: Installation of new storefront system.

Motion: The ARC voted to defer review on this application so that the applicant may attend and address some of these issues. The project will not be reviewed again unless the applicant is in attendance. The ARC made the following recommendations:

- Although pilasters have been added, the composition of the proposed storefront is still awkward. The pilasters do not line up correctly with the wall sections above. Also, storefronts typically have some kind of weighted element at the ends, such as another set of pilasters.
- The ARC requested more information on what is occurring on the interior of the building that requires two sets of 6'-0" width double doors.
- More information is needed on the proposed materials of the storefront as they are not indicated anywhere.
- The proportions and detailing of the pilasters seem off. It appears that the pilasters stick out past the plane of the building wall.
- In general, the drawings are not detailed enough to determine what is being proposed. Enlarged elevation and plan drawings, with dimensions and materials called out, should be provided; as well as section details of the storefront.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Miriam Salas

Result: Passed

In Favor: Miriam Salas, Robert Boyd, Robbie Cangelosi, Ashley King

Opposed:

Comments:

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