

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 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 April 20, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes.

By:

Second:

Result: Passed

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

Opposed:

Comments:

2. 1000 Canal St

Application: New construction of a ten-story hotel with ground floor commercial space.

Motion: Defer this application for additional review. The ARC noted that while the recessed balconies work on the Roosevelt Way façade, they are less successful on the Canal St. side. The massing on Canal St. results in the appearance of two separate tall, narrow buildings. There should be more cohesion between the two sides. The ARC also expressed concerns that the building overpowers the adjacent existing buildings on Canal St., which are all low-rise. They suggested exploring a massing strategy that has a lower portion on Canal St. that steps back to the taller mass, rather than using a single height throughout.

The ARC requested to see more of the context in the perspective views. While the current perspectives provide an idea of the overall scale of the adjacent buildings, it is difficult to see how the new building relates to other compositional elements on those buildings, such as balconies and galleries, floor heights, bay spacing, and opening proportions.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Miriam Salas

Result: Passed

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

Opposed:

Comments:

3. 821 Tchoupitoulas St. 420 Julia St

Application: Massing modifications to previously-approved rooftop addition on a Significant rated building and new construction of a 5-story hotel on a vacant lot.

Motion: Recommend conceptual approval with final details to be worked out at the staff level.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Miriam Salas

Result: Passed

In Favor: Miriam Salas, Robert Boyd, Robby Cangelosi

Opposed:

Comments: Ashley King recused herself from this item.

4. 429 Julia St

Application: Reconstruction of demolished brick wall and application of stucco to new and existing walls.
Motion: Defer this application for additional review so that they can better understand why the changes are being proposed. The ARC noted that stuccoing the remaining brick façade at the right side of the building was not appropriate. Additionally, they agreed that it would be preferable if the new façade at the left side of the building was reconstructed in brick; however, the new brick does not necessarily need to be an exact match of the existing. A control joint could be installed to demarcate between the existing and the new brick. The composition and opening proportions of the reconstructed façade require further study so that it is more visually-cohesive with the rest of the elevation. For example, the new windows should extend into the belt course like the existing windows.

By: Robby Cangelosi

Second: Robert Boyd

Result: Passed

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

Opposed:

Comments:

5. 1032 St Charles Ave

Application: Installation of iron fencing at front entry steps.

Motion: Recommend conceptual approval with final details to be worked out at the staff level. The ARC noted that the installation of the picket fencing may not be sufficient to resolve all security issues and suggested that additional lighting or security cameras may help to augment security of the entryway. The locations and fixture selections for these items would require HDLC approval.

By:

Second:

Result: Passed

In Favor: Miriam Salas, Robert Boyd, Ashley King

Opposed:

Comments: Robby Cangelosi recused himself from this item.

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