

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2022

Location: Homeland Security Conference Room located on the 8th Floor of City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

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

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent:

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the September 20, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes.

By: Robbie Cangelosi

Second: Robert Boyd

Result: Passed

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

Opposed:

Comments:

2. 1040 St Charles Avenue

Application: Renovation of Contributing rated, 7-story, commercial building including new storefront and construction of new carports and renovation of parking/landscaping.

Motion: The ARC recommended conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at the staff level.

The ARC stated that the new fencing should be solid metal.

By: Robbie Cangelosi

Second: Miriam Salas

Result: Passed

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

Opposed:

Comments:

3. 753-59 St Charles Avenue, 712 Julia Street

Application: Changes to previously approved renovation of Contributing rated, three-story, commercial building including new storefronts and balconies.

Motion: The ARC voted to defer this application for additional review. The ARC requested further study of the mansard canopies. The columns should have more weight or there should be more columns; the glass enclosure could also be wrapped further around the canopy at the St Charles façade. The ARC stated that the new balconies should not have the decorative brackets to match the existing. Window openings could be reintroduced at the octagonal tower to break up the massing. The ARC requested further detailing of the trellis at the octagonal tower, the guardrail and its relationship to the existing parapet, and the perforated doors at the east and south elevations.

By: Ashley King

Second: Randy Hutchison

Result: Passed

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

Opposed:
Comments:

4. 351 Calliope Street

Application: Elevation and detail review of previously approved new construction of an 18,000 SF three-story hotel building on a vacant lot.

Motion: The ARC voted to recommend conceptual approval with the details to be worked out at the Staff level and the proviso that a proposed in-context materials mock-up by reviewed again by the ARC once further developed. The ARC also agreed:

- The façade elevation details are moving in a good direction for this large-scale building.
- The Calliope Street side of the corner tower could be further developed to include additional glazing (such as paired windows) to break up the expanse of wall, increase daylighting to interior units and provide additional visual relief.
- While operational needs for performance and privacy are understandable, there is concern that the proposed tinted/reflective window glazing is inappropriate for this building as these types of colored glass tend to visually distinguish new construction and disconnect it from the surrounding historic context where glazing is generally clear. Performance and privacy requirements can also be achieved through other means, such as interior curtains and blinds.
- The relationship between the window glazing and proposed glazed brick should be stronger.
- A materials mock-up should be prepared and presented to the ARC once further developed to better evaluate the proposed materials in-context including the tinted/reflective glazing.

By: Ashley King

Second: Randy Hutchison

Result: Passed

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

Opposed:

Comments:

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