

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19th, 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

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent: Robby Cangelosi, Randy Hutchison

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the July 18th, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes.

By: Ashley King

Second: Miriam Salas

Result: Passed

In favor: Robert Boyd, Miriam Salas, Ashley King

Opposed:

2. 1060 Magazine St.

Application: 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 return for additional ARC review once further developed. The ARC agreed that:

- The use of differentiated brick colors and bonds creates an interesting composition, successfully breaks up the façade, reflects the interior program, and appropriately relates the overall scale of the building to its surrounding historic context.
- The larger window openings shown as pilaster-to-pilaster in Option 1 are preferred because the proportions work better with the façade composition and appear more contemporary compared to the smaller punched-type openings in Option 2.
- Windows shown in Option 1 without mullions are preferred, however, some may be necessary to achieve glass panel sizes that can be impact rated. The ARC recommended the applicant consider eliminating the vertical muntins at the 2nd floor and from above the canopy at the 1st floor, so they appear less traditional. They also noted that a horizontally-oriented muntin aligned with the canopy could be utilized to reduce the overall glass panel sizes.
- The tall and narrow windows at the left of the 2nd floor should be reconsidered so they better relate to the overall facade composition and adjacent openings. The narrow windows shown in Option 1 are less successful than Option 2 because the proportions are too small, the ratio of window to wall is too low, and the relationship of the openings to the surrounding recessed area between pilasters is not as successful.
- The proposed window film is not necessary to create the effect of layering in the façade and clear glass is typically the most appropriate option for glazing within local historic districts.
- The proposed metal canopy is an interesting façade element, and the detailing appears to be appropriate.
- A context drawing should be included for the next review showing the proposed building at-scale with the surrounding existing buildings on the block face.

By: Ahsley King

Second: Robert Boyd

Result: Passed

In Favor: Robert Boyd, Miriam Salas, Ashley King

Opposed:

Comments: Michael Lee Mattax spoke on this application.

3. 650 O'Keefe Ave.

Application: Installation of cellular equipment on a Non-Contributing, four-story, commercial building.

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

The ARC stated that the covers for the antennas should be shown in the final drawings and should be painted to match the sky.

By: Ashley King

Second: Miriam Salas

Result: Passed

In Favor: Robert Boyd, Miriam Salas, Ashley King

Opposed:

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