

Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: August 4, 2021

Location: Zoom Teleconference

Called to order: 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners present: John Boyd, Peter Trapolin, Seamus McGuire, Nicole De Pietro, Greg Pierce, Whiton Paine, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Dow Edwards

Commissioners arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Commissioners absent: Adrienne Dixson

I. Minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: Dow Edwards

Second: Greg Pierce

Result: Passed

In Favor: Peter Trapolin, Seamus McGuire, Nicole De Pietro, Greg Pierce, Whiton Paine, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Dow Edwards

Opposed:

Comments:

II. Consent Agenda

A. 837 Camp St

Application: Massing approval of new construction of 81,500 SF, six-story commercial building.

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda.

By: Dow Edwards

Second: Matt Norton

Result: Passed

In Favor: Peter Trapolin, Seamus McGuire, Nicole De Pietro, Greg Pierce, Whiton Paine, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Dow Edwards

Opposed:

Comments:

III. Regular Agenda

A. 1000 Canal St

Application: Demolition of contributing two-story commercial building and massing approval of new construction of a ten-story hotel with ground floor commercial space.

Motion: Deny the demolition request. The applicant may return to the ARC to explore options to develop the property that incorporate the existing historic structure. The Commission also noted that retention of the historic structure was insufficient; the redevelopment should also include restoration of the existing building.

By: Bradley Becnel

Second: Whiton Paine

Result: Passed

In Favor: Peter Trapolin, Seamus McGuire, Nicole De Pietro, Greg Pierce, Whiton Paine, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Dow Edwards

Opposed:

Comments:

B. 710 Baronne St

Application: Retention of demolition exceeding approved scope and request to install tinted glass at previously approved six-story new addition and new construction.

Motion: Approve the request to install the lighter gray tinted glass proposed by the applicant.

By: Bradley Becnel

Second: Dow Edwards

Result: Failed

In Favor: Bradley Becnel

Opposed: Peter Trapolin, Seamus McGuire, Nicole De Pietro, Greg Pierce, Whiton Paine, Matt Norton, Dow Edwards

Comments: The retention of demolition beyond the approved scope of work was removed from the docket as the application was incomplete (unpaid retention fee). The only item discussed at the meeting was the request to install tinted glass.

Motion: Defer the application.

By: Dow Edwards

Second:

Result: Withdrawn

In Favor:

Opposed:

Comments: Motion was not seconded. Motion withdrawn. As a legal majority was not obtained on either motion, the application was denied by default.

IV. RATIFICATION of Architectural Committee and Staff actions since the Wednesday, July 7, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Approve ratification of the Staff and ARC actions.

By: Greg Pierce

Second: Dow Edwards

Result: Passed

In Favor: Peter Trapolin, Seamus McGuire, Nicole De Pietro, Greg Pierce, Whiton Paine, Bradley Becnel, Matt Norton, Dow Edwards

Opposed:

Comments:

V. HDLC REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Eleanor Burke reported on the illegal demolition fine initiative and Bryan Block reported on the budget process

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

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

By: Greg Pierce

Second: Bradley Becnel

Result: Passed

In Favor: Peter Trapolin, Seamus McGuire, Nicole De Pietro, Greg Pierce, Whiton Paine, Bradley Becnel,
Matt Norton, Dow Edwards

Opposed:

Comments: