

Architectural Review Board
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2013
4:30 PM

Members Present: Chris Clark, John Hart, Stan Henley, Greg Mayes, and John Resig

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deanna Wright, Bill Adams and public audience.

New board member, Duane Bolin was sworn into office.

Chairman Stan Henley called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. All members were present. Chairman Henley asked for approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2013 regular meeting. John Resig moved to approve the minutes as presented with John Hart seconding the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Henley stated the next item on the agenda was a review of the Certificate of Appropriateness application to place an awning along the front of the building at 204 and 206 South 4th Street by First Baptist Church.

Candace Dowdy stated that she had been contacted about a month ago by Ms. Janice Hedges from First Baptist Church regarding a request to place an awning on the front of the building at 204 and 206 South 4th Street. Ms. Dowdy stated that this building is referred to as The Net building and that their campus ministry meets in this building. Ms. Dowdy noted that this property is located across the street from the church and that this property is located in a B-3 zoning district. Ms. Dowdy stated that Mr. Bill Adams was in attendance to represent the church in this request and that since the application had been filed with the Planning Department that the church had decided to just place the awnings over the two doors on the front of the building that face 4th Street. Ms. Dowdy noted that the building was a contributing structure and that the inventory sheet provided by Murray Main Street showed that the building was constructed sometime between 1900 and 1924.

Chairman Henley opened the public hearing and called for a briefing from Murray Main Street. Deana Wright, 704 Elm Street was sworn in. Ms. Wright stated that per the design guidelines the awning should be a standard shed style with a cloth covering and that is what the church is requesting and that she doesn't see any problem with their request.

Chairman Henley asked if anyone else wished to speak. Bill Adams, 1506 Hermitage Place was sworn in. Mr. Adams stated that he was a member of First Baptist Church and that he was representing the church in this application. Mr. Adams stated that the awning would be approximately 41 feet across the front of the building.

Chairman Henley asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak in regards to this application. Seeing none, Chairman Henley closed the public hearing and asked for any Board discussion.

John Hart moved to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to First Baptist Church. Greg Mayes seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Henley stated the next item on the agenda was a request to repair and replace lower portion of front façade at 410 and 412 Main Street by Murray Main Street.

Candace Dowdy stated that she had been contacted by Deanna Wright with Murray Main Street and that Ms. Wright indicated that the board was ready to move forward with doing some work on the front of the Main Street building. Ms. Dowdy stated that this property is located in the B-3 zoning district. Ms. Dowdy showed some pictures of the front of the existing building where the repairs will be made.

Chairman Henley opened the public hearing. Deanna Wright, Murray Main Street Manager stated that in repairing the front of the building they will be changing some of the materials on the front of the building. She also stated that about five years ago they had done some work on the front of the building and had removed the perma stone from the building. Ms. Wright stated that plywood was applied to the front of the building on the Mugsy's side and that over the years the sun and rain has damaged the front of the building since there was never an awning placed over the front of the building. Ms. Wright noted that they plan to replace the plywood with concrete hardy board and replicate the columns on each side with a customized foam material. Ms. Wright stated that back in the 1800's there were real columns there and have since been removed. Ms. Wright said they would like to begin work on the exterior of the building prior to bad weather setting in and that the wood front doors would also be redone at this time.

Ms. Wright stated that they will also be doing some work on the front of the vacant building next door to Mugsy's where Happiness Restaurant was located. Some of the existing material will be replaced with granite and the columns will be painted black.

Chairman Henley asked if there was anyone else that wished to speak regarding this application. Being none the public hearing was closed.

Greg Mayes made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application for renovation to the store fronts at 410 and 412 Main Street according to the description on the application. John Resig seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was to elect officers for 2014. Ms. Dowdy informed the board of the current officers. John Resig nominated Stan Henley for Chairman and John Hart for Vice-Chairman. Greg Mayes nominated Duane Bolin for Secretary. Mr. Resig made a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2014 as presented. Greg Mayes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Chairman Henley asked Deanna Wright what was going on with the Bull Pen building on the west side of the court square. Ms. Wright stated that she wasn't sure what they were doing but it appeared that they were replacing rotten wood boards and re-staining them. Candace Dowdy noted that the Planning Department will check with the property owner to make sure they are not doing anything other than replacing the rotten boards.

John Hart made a motion to adjourn with John Resig seconded the motion.

Chairman, Stan Henley

Recording Secretary, Candace Dowdy