
CITY OF COLUMBIA
DESIGN / DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMISSION
MARCH 12, 2015 4:00 PM

Minutes
City Hall
Council Chambers • 1737 Main Street • Columbia, SC

Members Present: LaToya Grate, Ashby Gressette, Bowen Horger, Dale Marshall, John Powell, Beronica Whisnant, Robert Wynn

Members Absent: Harris Cohn, vacancy

Staff: Amy Moore, Lucinda Statler, Kristen Puckett, Staci Richey, Jerre Threatt, Stephen Zigmund, John Fellows

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dale Marshall at 4:00 PM, Roll Call – Quorum established; points of order.

Amy Moore, Preservation Planner, noted changes to the Agenda since publication. She proceeded with review of the Consent Agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CONSENT AGENDA

URBAN

1. **1409 Devine Street** (TMS# 11303-05-01A) Request for Certificate of Design Approval for new construction. *City Center Design/Development District*

HISTORIC

1. **3219 Lyles Street** (TMS#09106-09-35) Request for Certificate of Design Approval for new construction. *Earlewood Protection Area A.*
2. **1414 Gregg Street** (TMS# R11406-02-22) Request for preliminary certification for the Bailey Bill and a Certificate of Design Approval for exterior changes. *Individual Landmark*
3. **2410 Park Street** (TMS#09012-04-03) Request for Certificate of Design Approval for new construction. *Elmwood Park Architectural Conservation District*

Motion by Ms. Whisnant to approve Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell. Consent Agenda approved 7-0.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

URBAN

1. **823 Lady Street** (TMS # 09013-13-17) Request for Certificate of Design Approval for new construction of hotel. *City Center Design Development District*

Lucinda Statler, Urban Design Planner, spoke on the request which previously presented in February for site plan approval and an informational presentation regarding early design drawings.

Craig Otto, architect for the project, spoke on changes to the design of the hotel based on staff comments and discussion from the February meeting, and additional changes made to incorporate other comments. New drawings were presented for review.

Raj Champaneri, Lady Vista, LLC, developer, was also in attendance.

Steve Hinson and Bart Walgrath, neighborhood residents, voiced concerns regarding the project.

Mr. Marshall explained the role of the D/DRC in the process, and Mr. Fellows spoke on the various zoning requirements throughout downtown areas in the City.

Motion by Mr. Gressette to grant the request for a Certificate of Design Approval for new construction for 823 Lady Street based on the revised presentation made by the applicant which incorporated many of the staff recommendations to include:

- **Going forward with the screen material and extent of the material to be reviewed at staff level to hide the rooftop mechanical equipment;**
- **To resolve a solution for some type of planter or other sculptural elements that may help with pedestrian scale and wall treatment that will be acceptable to staff and to the applicant along Lady Street; and**
- **Lighting does not have to match Lady Street lighting but be appropriate to the trellis design.**

Motion seconded by Mr. Wynn. Motion approved 7-0.

HISTORIC

1. 2410 Park Street (TMS#109113-04-10) Request for Certificate of Design Approval for new construction. **MOVED TO CONSENT** *University Hill Architectural Conservation District*
2. **907 Laurens Street (TMS#11405-13-10) Request for Certificate of Design Approval for exterior changes. University Hill Architectural Conservation District**

Jerre Threatt, preservation planner, presented on the request for an already constructed screen porch addition on the rear of the house. Changes requested by the applicant meet staff recommendations.

Staff finds that the proposed screen porch addition generally complies with Section VII: Additions and Section VI: New Construction and recommends granting a Certificate of Design Approval for the project at 907 Laurens Street with the following conditions:

- Staff recommends that the board and battens be removed and that a stucco panel or woven screen be installed in this location with all details deferred to staff

Ron Finney, contractor, was available for questions.

Motion by Ms. Grate to issue a Certificate of Design Approval for exterior changes for 907 Laurens Street with the following staff recommendations regarding the screen porch addition:

- that the board and battens be removed and that a stucco panel or woven screen be installed in this location to be consistent with the stucco detailing found on the upper portion of the house;
- with all details deferred to staff.

Motion seconded by Mr. Horger. Motion approved 7-0.

3. 800 Richland Street (TMS# **DEFERRED**) Request

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion of proposed demolition delay ordinance

Ms. Moore provided update on the proposed demolition delay ordinance.

Elections for chairperson and vice-person

Motion by Mr. Gressette to nominate Mr. Wynn as chairperson. Nomination accepted. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell. Motion approved 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Wynn to nominate Mr. Gressette as vice-chairperson. Nomination accepted. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell. Motion approved 6-0.

Mr. Marshall and Ms. Whisnant were thanked for their years of service to the D/DRC as chair and vice-chair which will be followed up with a letter of appreciation to each.

Continuing education

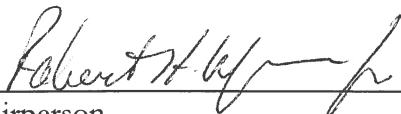
Commission members were reminded of continuing education hours required for year 2015. There are only two sessions remaining for the year. Andrea Wolfe will contact the members who need to obtain their required hours to remain in compliance with state statute.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES


Motion by Mr. Gressette to approve February 12th, 2015 D/DRC Minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Grate. Motion approved 7-0.

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM



Chairperson



Date

**Respectfully submitted
Planning and Development Services Department**