



City of Greer
Board of Architectural Review Minutes
January 9, 2018

Members Present: Marney Hannon, Vice Chairman
Joda Hiatt
David Langley
Brandon Price

Members Absent: Linda Wood, Chairman

Staff Present: Kelli McCormick, Planning Manager
Brandon McMahan, Zoning Coordinator
Brandy Blake, Development Coordinator

I. Advisory Meeting

Mr. Hannon, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order and read the opening remarks.

Brandon Price advised that he would be recusing himself from BAR 2018-01.

a. Approval of Minutes for November 20, 2017

Ms. Hiatt made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

II. Public Hearing

Mr. Hannon opened the public hearing.

A. January BAR Cases

Brandon McMahan presented the following cases.

1. BAR 2018-01 Insight-Onsight Coworking 228 Trade Street

Mr. McMahan presented staff report and the proposed signage for BAR 2018-01.

Mr. Langley asked Mr. McMahan if the applicants will be replacing the current hanging sign as well as the other signs they had presented. Mr. McMahan advised, yes.

Frank Condon, applicant, spoke in favor of BAR 2018-01. He stated that they were keeping the hanging sign two-sided but using their own graphics. He then gave a brief overview of the concept of the business.

Brandon Price, owner of the building, spoke in favor of BAR 2018-01. He stated that they had just finished the two condo's upstairs from the space where this business will be. He then stated that the canopy does need to be replaced and he was working on a façade grant program to help with that as well as other items.

Mr. Price stated he had spoken with Mr. Driggers, City Administrator, and requested a workshop to help citizens learn about façade grants and how to get that process started.

Ms. McCormick stated that GCRA requires business owners to create a low to moderate job to get the grant and she's found that that is difficult for some small business owners and that she would look into that for Mr. Price. Mr. Langley stated that he had researched that and he understands that the business owner must create or preserve the job as a requirement and you could argue that the business is preserving a job by doing the work the grant is funding.

Mr. Hannon closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hannon opened the business meeting.

Vote - David Langley made a motion to approve BAR 2018-01. Joadia Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3 to 0. Brandon Price recused himself from the vote.

III. Old Business

A. Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program

Ms. McCormick stated that the upcoming C.A.M.P would be on January 26, 2018 and she asked the Board members to confirm their attendance. Mr. Price, Ms. Hiatt, and Mr. Hannon stated they would attend. Mr. Langley declined to go.

B. Review Results for Historic Survey

Ms. McCormick stated that in December 2018 we had the results meeting for the Historic Survey and that staff would be moving forward with the progress from that survey.

Mr. Langley asked staff to make a game plan and decide how the document could be used to enhance the districts the survey outlined.

C. Upcoming Changes to Board of Architectural Review for 2018

Ms. McCormick advised that the Board would be expanding in 2018 by adding 2 members, possibly a landscape professional and an arts professional. She stated that staff would be coming up with a plan of action to present to the Board and to Council. She stated that currently we have a historian, an architect, a business owner, and two at large members serving on the Board.

Ms. McCormick informed the Board of a training session in the next few months that would cover the rules of procedure.

Mr. Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, addressed the Board and thanked them for their service. He stated that the recent survey of the historic area indicated two new possible districts to look at, Arlington/Mountain View area and Greer Mill Hill area.

Mrs. Sell also spoke about the training in the upcoming year for the Board and the possible addition of the new members. He advised that the training could happen after the addition of the new Board members and that the Board follow up with planning staff for any feedback.

IV. New Business

Nomination/Election of Officers for 2018

Ms. McCormick stated that she spoke with Ms. Wood before the meeting and she was willing to serve as chairman for another term. Ms. McCormick recommended that the Board wait to nominate officers until the next meeting that all members are present.

The Board agreed to wait until the next meeting to discuss the nomination/election of officers.

V. Executive Session

VI. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 10:39 am.