

RALEIGH APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Members present: Bang Le, Kelli Goss Hopkins, Brian O’Haver, Tika Hicks, Rolf Blizzard, John Koonce, Dean Rains, Elizabeth Byrd, Jedidiah Gant, Victor Bruinton, Robby Johnston

Members not present: Julieta Sherk (*excused*), Cari Jones (*excused*), Asa Fleming (*excused*), Damien Graham (*excused*)

Staff present: Elizabeth Alley, Rotonda McKoy

SP-14-14 3515 Glenwood Avenue

Plan review comments:

- The Commission suggests the addition of architectural features and unifying landscape elements to make the Glenwood façade not read as the rear of the building and to further connect it to the site.
- The Commission suggests that the Glenwood pedestrian entrance to this building be strengthened and further emphasized. This corner element has the potential to be the identifying element of the building design.
- The Commission suggests that the pedestrian pathway from the right of way to the elevator lobby in the parking level be well marked and delineated.
- The Commission suggests the addition of a safe pathway, if feasible, from the right of way to the main building entrance at the rear of the building, and the creation of an entry plaza at the rear with lighting to emphasize the entry sequence.
- The Commission supports the applicant’s intent to plan trees for shade adjacent to the bus stop, and encourages the applicant to consider incorporating a shelter into the transit stop that is designed as part of the building sign and integrated bench.
- The Commission suggests that the applicant consider the use of a sympathetic color for the retaining walls to match the brick of the building.
- The Commission suggests either relocating the bicycle racks away from the building entry or designing a more artful rack.
- The Commission suggests relocating the dumpster to the north side of the lot away from adjacent residential properties.

SP-19-14 1301 Hillsborough

Plan review comments:

- The Commission suggests the addition of a bench, art element, or other pedestrian feature on the Hillsborough Street sidewalk, placed in a manner that doesn’t preclude the addition of café seating for retail tenants
- The Commission suggests that a shallower canopy be used to turn the corner above the retail windows on the side elevations.
- The Commission recommends the use of a cementitious material at the base of the building for durability and to address maintenance concerns.

- The Commission suggests the addition of a screen or fencing to delineate the handicap parking and the common open space.
- The Commission suggests the addition of a crosswalk across Ashe to acknowledge the increased number of pedestrians and unique intersection configuration.
- The Commission commends the applicants effort to incorporate the trash and recycling room into this building and to mitigate the adverse effects of trash collection.
- The Commission supports the addition of nanowalls or additional porosity for the retail facades.

REVIEW OF MAY 1ST, 2014 MINUTES

Bang Le called for a review of the minutes. Dean Rains moved that the minutes be approved, the motion was seconded by Brian O'Haver and the motion passed unanimously.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Design excellence working group

The Design Excellence working group will meet at 4:30pm on May 29th at Frank Harmon Architect office in to plan events for the remainder of the year.

Solid Waste group

SWRA working group

As part of the annual report, the working group will be requesting a text change for new construction in the DOD, and study of special event waste management and technology for shared disposal.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 pm.