

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

JULY 8, 2021

Members Present

George Davis
Adam Jones
Peyton Keesee
John Ranson

Members Absent

Andrew Hessler
R. J. Lackey
Courtney Nicholas

Staff

Lisa Jones
Doug Plachcinski
Ryan Dodson

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Certificate of Appropriateness Request PLRDD2021-230 by Ron Ford on behalf of 510 Spring Street LLC for 15" address numerals and exterior lighting.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Ron Ford, who stated I am just here for questions if you have any.

Mr. Ranson stated are you going to sharpie the numbers?

Mr. Ford stated they are black iron and they stand off the building about two inches.

Mr. Ranson stated that will be good.

Mr. Ford stated I drew them as close as I can pencil them in there. They are aluminum painted like raw iron.

Mr. Davis stated any lightning over them or anything?

Mr. Ford stated not over them. The other part of it is ten outdoor lights that look very similar to some of the other lights on the buildings downtown. The Burton is one that has a light very similar to it. They stand off the building about 32 inches in total.

Mr. Jones stated are those lights going to be out near the patio?

Mr. Ford stated they will and about five of them will illuminate the patio. Two of them will be on the front sidewalk and the other three, one will be on the top landing of the rear stairs and one under it and the last one will be at the bar entrance door.

Mr. Davis stated is that something else that you must bring to us?

Mr. Ford stated no, I asked Doug if I could add it to the amendment.

Mr. Jones stated I must tell you Mr. Ford before we go further with that, I come down that street and park over there by Martinizing and it is first class. You have done a great job and it really looks good when I ride by there.

Mr. Ford stated thank you and I really appreciate it.

Mr. Jones stated that is a nice asset to the area.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Ranson made a motion that a Certificate of Appropriateness be granted for PLRDD 2021-230 at 510 Spring Street that it meets the guidelines. Mr. Keesee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

2. *Certificate of Appropriateness Request PLRDD2021-231 by Joie Ford on behalf of River District Lofts at 618 Craghead Street for a vinyl "leasing now" exterior wall sign.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Joie Ford, who stated I am just here for questions if you have any.

Mr. Keesee stated the sign will stay up until you get it all leased out?

Ms. Ford stated yes and right now everything is full. I would like to go ahead and start on this building. I will not have any vacancies probably until November.

Mr. Davis stated that is amazing. Does it state the size of the sign is it within the appropriate guidelines?

Ms. Ford stated yes.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Jones made a motion that a Certificate of Appropriateness be granted for PLRDD 2021-231 at 618 Craghead Street to that it meets the guidelines. Mr. Keesee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

3. *Certificate of Appropriateness Request PLRDD2021-232 by Catherine Carter on behalf of The Dogeared Page at 525 Main Street for window graphics and wall signs.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Catherine Carter, who stated basically what I would like to do is where it currently says Lavinder Group it will say Book Shop in gold lettering that I did send a picture of. Then on the window will be my logo as well as the name of the shop.

Mr. Ranson stated is this going to be upstairs?

Ms. Carter stated it is the downstairs.

Mr. Keesee stated you are going into the old Lavinder space is that right?

Ms. Carter stated yes.

Mr. Jones stated can you tell me the size of the letters?

Ms. Carter stated yes. They are 10 3/8 by 12-inch letters.

Mr. Jones stated I have to tell you I am excited about you opening a bookshop. I was talking about a bookshop the other day that the community needed one. On the window is it all white because it looks like the dog ears are gray and is the little dog white?

Ms. Carter stated yes.

Mr. Jones stated so the way that I am looking at it is the way that it will be on the window?

Ms. Carter stated the outline I guess would be white and the middle being open.

Mr. Ranson stated where Lavinder is will it just say bookshop.

Ms. Carter stated yes. I was going to do my name, but it was too long.

Mr. Jones stated I think it looks very classy.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Jones made a motion that a Certificate of Appropriateness be granted for PLRDD 2021-232 at 525 Main Street to that it meets the guidelines. Mr. Keesee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 10, 2021 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Approved By: