

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

OCTOBER 13, 2022

Members Present

George Davis
Andrew Hessler
Peyton Keesee
Adam Jones
Courtney Nicholas

Members Absent

John Ranson
R. J. Lackey

Staff

Lisa Jones
Renee Burton
Shanika Williams
Ken Gillie

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

Mr. Ken Gillie, Director of Community Development stated that he would like to take this opportunity to introduce Renee Burton who is the new City of Danville Director of The Planning Division, so she will be serving as staff for this board from now until hopefully a long, long time. I assume that she is familiar to you all for both previous work with the city as well as coming here as an applicant. We had a National search and Renee was the selected candidate. Good Luck.

Ms. Burton commented and said are you talking about them or me?

Mr. Davis commented Renee, welcome. I have known Renee for a very long time, and we are glad to have you. We hope that you will be here for a long, long time also.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Certificate of Appropriateness request PZ22-185 at 703 Wilson Street for the installation of a 32 square foot metal wall sign for Wyatt Electric and an 18 square foot metal projecting sign for Danville Machine Shop.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

There was no one present to speak on this application.

Mr. Davis stated do we have any information from the city regarding these two items other than you said that it was okay.

Ms. Burton stated nothing additional than the staff report. The proposed signage meets both zoning regulations and River District Design guidelines and they are in compliance.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Nicholas made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for PZ22-185 at 703 Wilson Street, for new metal wall sign and a metal projecting sign. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 4-0 vote.

Mr. Peyton Keesee arrived at the meeting at 4:07 pm.

2. *Certificate of Appropriateness request PZ22-209 at 308 Craghead Street for the installation of a 2' by 4' metal projecting sign.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Cathy Gore stated I am President and CEO of the United Way, and we submitted a request for a new projecting sign. I sent in pictures of the samples of a sign down the street at Dave's and ours will be half the size and would like to install it at Craghead Street where our main entrance will be. It is in the same vicinity as the Botox sign.

Mr. Davis stated so this is pretty much the look of the sign

Ms. Gore stated I had the sign redone and sent over to show you what it looked like on the brick.

Ms. Nicholas stated I see that it is a metal sign. Do you plan to light it in any way?

Ms. Gore stated no. We are going to lose the awning and we talked about that last time I was here. We are going to lose the orange awning over the United Way when we get our new interior entrance, we will be entering the suite offices at 308 that go through the door where the Botox sign is, and we didn't want the visibility because we are losing that awning. The owners approved to have that local sign as if you are coming down the street you will see it. So, the mockup of that was just given out and it shows even more visibly what it is going to look like. We are going to stack the logo instead of putting it this way because of the restrictions of having it 2' by 4'.

Mr. Jones stated that was going to be my next question, thank you.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Jones made a motion that a Certificate of Appropriateness be granted for request PZ22-209 at 308 Craghead Street for installation of a new 2' by 4' metal projecting sign. Mr. Keesee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote.

3. *Certificate of Appropriateness request PZ22-210 at 543 Main Street for a wall sign reface and installation of two window decals and one door decal.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Dustin Haberer, who stated we own Nana Karen's and we have acquired another parcel within the building two doors down. We are going to duplicate the exact model that we have used in other restaurants with the same dimensions and total area within the space will be the same and the color is changing and that is about it.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Nicholas made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness be granted for request PZ22-210 at 543 Main Street for new wall reface and installation of two window decals and one door decal. Mr. Hessler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote.

4. Certificate of Appropriateness request PZ22-213 at 215 Main Street for the installation of a temporary banner while access is blocked during demolition of 225 Main Street.

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Rod Thompson was unable to attend the River District Design meeting so Renee Burton, called Mr. Thompson and had him on speaker phone so everyone could the conversation.

Mr. Davis stated any questions that you have as far as banners? Concerns of where they are placed or anything like that?

Ms. Nicholas stated is the request for only one banner?

Mr. Thompson stated that is correct.

Mr. Davis stated just on the back side of the building.

Ms. Nicholas stated for how long is the request?

Mr. Thompson stated the request is somewhat open ended. It is considered a construction banner according to Mr. Gillie. Our intent is that it would be up there as long as the demolition takes place, we lose access to the parking at that lot. We will put up the banner November 1 and when everything goes away then of course it will be removed. Mr. Gillie said that it fell under temporary construction banner, but that it needed approval for the design.

Mr. Davis stated so after we vote on it then we get to leave it in Mr. Gillie's hands. Is that right?

Mr. Gillie stated no, Ms. Burton's hands because she was not here at the time but yes in staff's hands is fine.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Nicholas stated so the only question that I have to the board is typically we put some kind of time limit on temporary banners so that they don't remain up forever and trusting intent however I want to have that in writing. Do we make it a specific time amount or until the construction is completed.

Mr. Keesee stated I say until it is completed because that is the only way that you can do it.

Mr. Hessler stated also until access to the lot is granted.

Mr. Davis stated according to what we have on our iPad the banner will be 4' by 9'. Which is slightly larger. Is it okay with everybody?

Mr. Keesee stated I think so considering what is happening to them.

Ms. Nicholas stated yes and that makes total sense.

Ms. Nicholas made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness be granted for request PZ22-213 at 215 Main Street for a temporary banner at the 4' by 9' size with the exception that the banner is removed after construction is complete and access to the parking and restaurant is fully restored. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 8, 2022, minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Approved by:
