

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

JANUARY 12, 2023

Members Present

George Davis
Courtney Nicholas
Peyton Keesee
Adam Jones
John Ranson
R.J. Lackey
Andrew Hessler

Members Absent

Staff

Lisa Jones
Renee Burton
Ryan Dodson
Shanika Williams

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Dodson called for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Keesee nominated Mr. Davis as Chairman. The nomination was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Dodson called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Lackey nominated Mr. Keesee as Vice Chairman. The nomination was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Dodson called for nominations for Secretary.

Mr. Lackey nominated Ms. Nicholas for Secretary. The nomination was approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Certificate of Appropriateness request PZ22-00255 at 523 Lynn Street to install one awning measuring twelve (12) square feet.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Present on behalf of this request was Wendi Craig, General Manager of the Danville Register & Bee, who stated any questions that you may have I am available to answer.

Ms. Nicholas stated will it be like this picture, round shape?

Ms. Craig stated yes.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Jones made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for PZ22-255 at 523 Lynn Street to install that one awning and one wall sign. Mr. Keesee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

2. *Certificate of Appropriateness request PZ22-00190 at 614 Lynn Street to install two wall signs measuring forty (40) square feet for Calvary Chapel Danville.*

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Burton stated the applicant was unable to attend but we do have a number to call him, if there are questions.

Mr. Dodson stated his wife went into labor.

Mr. Davis stated my question is about these signs and I am sure that you have it some where in this listing here, are both of the signs going to be on the same side of the building or next to each other, or one on the corner facing Spring and the other one not on Spring?

Ms. Williams stated there will be one above the entry door and then one on the corner side facing Shelton.

Ms. Nicholas stated they are on two facings on the building?

Ms. Williams stated yes.

Mr. Hessler stated I do see that on the power sign estimate.

Mr. Lackey stated is this building capable of additional tenants?

Mr. Hessler stated like more than just the lofts that are there and the church that is there. Are there any other vacant portions of the building?

Mr. Lackey stated the signs are over our guidelines for this big building but if the big building is going to house another twenty tenants, then it's not fine because it is going to be multiple signs in my mind.

Ms. Burton stated we don't see that to be a concern.

Mr. Davis stated what about the fact that it is more than the thirty-two square feet?

Ms. Nicholas stated that is allowed unless the building gets to a certain size, and we have allowed that before with Spectrum and others.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Nicholas made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness that was requested for PZ22-190 at 614 Lynn Street to install two wall signs measuring forty (40) square feet for Calvary Chapel Danville. Mr. Ranson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Renee stated that we do have a gentleman in the audience that would like to present an application if you decide that you want to hear it today.

The River District agreed to hear the application.

Mr. Davis opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Joshua Thompson stated I am one of the partners for Kaj Naturals. We rented suite 5 at 525 Lynn Street. Our renovation took longer than expected and I went ahead and designed a logo for our company. We did make a back up design if it is not something that you feel comfortable with. We are a hemp provider, and we are licensed with the state, and we currently have three licenses with the State of Virginia. We are operating under the Federal and State laws. We are trying to get a banner 4' by 8' within the 32 square foot coverage above our window for our retail space. That will draw traffic into our retail store, and it is something that we are planning on presenting with you guy next month. This banner would be for 4 weeks, and this is the maximum time that you will provide. It is basic sign that says our logo, name, that we are state licensed, and it has the type of products that we sell, which include topicals, beauty, pet, and we are excited to hopefully open in February.

Ms. Burton stated your request today is for the banner alone and we will hear the permanent signage next month?

Mr. Thompson stated yes.

Mr. Thompson showed a second image on his phone of a banner other than the one that he presented today. After much discussion the commission decided to go with the image that was on his phone, and it is attached with the minutes.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Nicholas made to motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness at 525 Lynn Street, Suite 5 for temporary sign banner for a period of 4 weeks using the logo as presented from the phone with the white background no larger than the 32 square feet. Mr. Ranson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-1 vote.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 10, 2022, minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Approved By: