

Small Business Façade Review Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2014
3:00 pm

Committee Members Present:

Kim King
Dean Grandin
Tim Johnson

City Staff Present:

Victoria Walker
Pauline Eaton

Guests Present:

Dean Shoemaker
Jim Martin
Freeman Smith
Sandra Smith
Roland Smith

Kim King opened the meeting with introductions and volunteered to Chair the committee.

Pauline Eaton gave an overview of the Loch Haven Veterinary Hospital project. Dr. Martin and Mr. Shoemaker provided overview of project and discussed ongoing transparency issues.

Dean Grandin commented that he has given the transparency issue to the Urban Design staff to work with the applicant on a solution. Ken Pelham is re-examining measurements for the impact of the fence and shutters design in reducing transparency. Dean Grandin felt the application could be voted on subject to a resolution of these issues.

Tim Johnson agreed with Dean Grandin on the transparency issues and asked about the need for fencing. The applicant answered that it is a design issue and is meant to reduce sun/heat into the building. Kim King remarked on the value of the business to the community.

Dean Grandin moved to approve the application for 921 North Mills Avenue. Tim Johnson seconded. Dean Grandin made a motion to amend, subject to resolving the transparency issues and approving the final building permits. Tim Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pauline Eaton provided an overview of the Beefy King sign renovation project. Dean Grandin provided an overview of the Zoning Official determination on the project.

Mr. Roland Smith spoke to the 45+ year business and sign. The original sign was constructed in 1967. Beefy King is a 3rd generation, independent business. The applicants desire to keep the same original footprint of the sign.

Dean Grandin asked the applicant if the sign will look just as it does today, and Mr. Smith responded that it will but will be brighter and fully working.

Victoria Walker asked if the sign is in a special plan area. The guidelines for the Small Business Façade Program state that if it is not in a special plan area, signage alone cannot be funded.

Kim King asked Ms. Walker if an exception could be made due to its historic nature. Ms. Walker informed the Committee that that recommendation could be made to City Council. Tim Johnson moved to accept and approve the sign restoration of Beefy King, due to its historic significance and value to the community, and subject to all approvals and permits from the City of Orlando. Dean Grandin seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous committee vote.

The next steps were discussed. The agreements will be drafted and go to City Council's June 23rd meeting for approval.

The Committee opened discussion/comments to the public. With none being present, the discussion was closed.

Discussion of future Chairperson was discussed. The Committee asked the action to be deferred until Committee member, Tanya Wilder returned from maternity leave.

Dean Grandin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tim Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.