



DESIGN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Erwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Council Chambers, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Richard Erwin, Commissioners Suzanne Zahr, Tami Szerlip, Anthony Perez and Colin Brandt were present. Commissioners Hui Tian, Tami Szerlip, and Vice Chair Colin Brandt were absent. Commissioner Tami Szerlip arrived at 7:04PM.

STAFF PRESENT:

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager; Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner; Kelsey Salvo, Administrative Assistant; Andrea Larson, Administrative Assistant were present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the July 12, 2017 meeting. The minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 5-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Design Review DSR17-011 Evergreen Covenant Church

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, provided a brief staff presentation on the project. The proposal is for the addition of an elevator shaft and other exterior modifications to Evergreen Covenant Church.

Ed Buffalow, Buffalow Architects, responded to questions from the Design Commission. The patterned concrete will be muted colors, earth tones; provided the truncated domes may be yellow for the purposes of ADA compliance.

Commissioners Szerlip and Perez expressed appreciation of the proposed design and the response to the study session comments. The Design Commission discussed the design.

Anthony Perez moved to grant the Evergreen Covenant Church design approval for as shown in Exhibit 2 and as conditioned by the October 11, 2017 staff report to the Design Commission. Seconded by Susanne Foster. Approved 5-0.

Agenda Item #2: DSR17-014 Mercer Island Eyeworks sign Design Review

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, provided a brief staff presentation on the project. The proposal is for two signs proposed by Mercer Island Eyeworks.

CJ Williams and Carole Alexander of Western Neon, responded to questions from the Design Commission. The proposed project sign lighting will be immediately under the canopy, with one light shining on each side of the projecting sign.

The Design Commission discussed the proportions of the proposed wall sign; the Design Commission discussed a horizontal widening of the proposed sign to be more proportional to the wall detailing. The Design Commission also discussed eliminating the proposed blackened steel background.

MICC 19.11.140(2)(f) allows for the Design Commission to waive the area limitations of the wall sign provided an applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the design commission that a wall sign is creative, artistic and an integral part of the architecture.

Anthony Perez moved to grant the proposed projecting, under canopy sign (Sign 2) design approval as shown in Exhibit 1 and as conditioned by conditions 2, 3, and 4 from the October 11, 2017 staff report to the Design Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Szerlip. Approved 4-0-1 (Commissioner Zahr abstaining).

Anthony Perez moved to grant the non-illuminated, wall sign (Sign 1) design approval as shown in Exhibit 1, with the following conditions:

- 1) Conditions 1, 3, and 4 from the October 11, 2017 staff report to the Design Commission.
- 1) The Design Commission, in addition, requires, pursuant to MICC 19.11.140(B)(11), a modification to MICC 19.11.140(2)(B)(ii)(a) that the dimensions of the wall sign background extend vertically from the interior edges of the white sill to the white header, and horizontally from the inside edges of the columns framing the entrance door.
- 2) The Design Commission, in addition, requires that the logo and text of the sign shall be limited to an area of 25 square feet. The blackened steel panel background shall be extended fulfill condition 2.

Seconded by Commissioner Tami Szerlip. Approved 5-0.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Commissioner Zahr will be absent from the October 25, 2017 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, introduced Kelsey Salvo and Andrea Larson, Administrative Assistants for the Development Services Group, to the Design Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

The next scheduled meeting is for October 25, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted, Evan Maxim, Planning Manager