



Town of Hilton Head Island
Design Review Board
Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.
Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Present from the Board: Chairman Dale Strecker, Vice Chairman Michael Gentemann, Cathy Foss, David McAllister, John Moleski

Absent from the Board: Debbie Remke (excused), Brian Witmer (unexcused)

Present from Town Council: Tamara Becker, Tom Lennox, Glenn Stanford

Present from Town Staff: Jenn McEwen, Director of Cultural Affairs; Tyler Newman, Senior Planner; Chris Darnell, Urban Designer; Teresa Haley, Senior Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chairman Strecker called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. FOIA Compliance – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3. Roll Call – See as noted above.

4. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda by general consent.

5. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of July 16, 2019

Vice Chairman Gentemann moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Moleski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Alteration/Addition

i. Lowcountry Celebration Park Construction Fence Mural, DRB-001225-2019

Mr. Darnell presented the project as provided in the Board's agenda package. Staff recommends approval as submitted.

Chairman Strecker asked if the applicant would like to add to Staff's narrative. The applicant answered the Board's questions.

Chairman Strecker asked for public comments and none were received.

The Board and the applicant discussed the project, including: the anticipated completion date of the project; the plan for maintenance; and there will be no evening lighting. The Board expressed support for the project complimenting the aesthetic value the mural will add to the project site.

Upon the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Strecker asked for a motion.

Ms. Foss made a motion to approve DRB-001225-2019 as submitted. Vice Chairman Gentemann seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

ii. Pope Avenue Bike Rental, DRB-001543-2019

(Mr. McAllister recused himself from review of DRB-001543-2019 due to a professional conflict of interest. A Conflict of Interest form was completed, signed, and made a part of the record.)

Mr. Darnell presented the project as provided in the Board's agenda package. Staff recommends approval as submitted.

Chairman Strecker asked if the applicant would like to add to Staff's narrative. The applicant presented statements regarding the project and answered the Board's questions.

The Board made comments and inquiries regarding the project, including: support for the staff recommendation; concern about the gap in the landscaping buffer on the Pope Avenue side of the building; and support for removal of the understory growth at the corner of Executive Park Road and Pope Avenue in order to improve safety concerns.

Chairman Strecker asked for public comments and the following were received: compliments on the building architecture; concern about the use of the building; and concern about the removal of the understory growth.

Upon the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Strecker asked for a motion.

Ms. Foss made a motion to approve DRB-001543-2019 with the following condition:

1. Add at least one canopy tree where a gap exists along the Pope Avenue side of the building.

Mr. Moleski seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

7. Appearance by Citizens – None

8. Board Business – None

9. Staff Report

- a. Minor Corridor Report – Mr. Darnell reported the Minor Corridor approvals for the month of July.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Teresa Haley, Secretary

Approved: August 27, 2019