

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY OF FLORENCE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julia Buyck, Scott Collins, Erik Healy, Nathaniel Mitchell, and David Tedder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pierce Campbell, Jay Ham, Jamie Carsten, Mike Padgett

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Dudley, Derek Johnston, and Alane Zlotnicki; Danny Young for IT

CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of Chairman Campbell, Co-Chairwoman Buyck led the meeting, which is a rescheduling of the regular July meeting, which was cancelled on July 14 due to a lack of quorum. Co-Chairwoman Buyck called the July 21, 2021 regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairwoman Buyck introduced the June 9, 2021 minutes and asked if there were any corrections or comments. There being none, she called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Collins moved that they be approved, Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the vote to approve the minutes was passed unanimously (5-0).

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS IN POSITION FOR ACTION:

DRB-2021-16 Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for façade alterations of the building located at 700 Park Avenue, Tax Map Number 90064-08-001; D-4 Timrod Park Overlay District.

Chairwoman Buyck read the introduction of DRB-2021-16 and asked staff for their report. Mr. Johnston gave the staff report as submitted to the Design Review Board. First Presbyterian Church wants to add covered entrances to their sanctuary building.

There being no one to speak either for or against the request, Chairwoman Buyck closed the public hearing and called for discussion and then a motion. Mr. Collins moved to approve the request as submitted. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the vote to approve the request passed unanimously (5-0).

DRB-2021-17 Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a fence and trim trees at 501 South Irby Street, Tax Map Number 90088-06-007; D-3 Arts & Cultural Overlay District and Irby Street Corridor Overlay District.

Chairwoman Buyck read the introduction of DRB-2021-17 and asked staff for their report. Mr. Johnston gave the staff report as submitted to the Design Review Board, but mentioned that the applicants asked to defer their request for a month. He said that it includes an approved material, but that the guidelines recommend plantings along the fence.

Mr. Collins asked, that since it's voluntary, why do they need to landscape the screening? If they leave it as it is without landscaping, why would we require that if it's not mandatory? Since it's not a requirement, what they're doing is allowed and adequate.

Mr. Dudley explained that they originally wanted a chain link fence, but are looking at this style now.

Chairwoman Buyck called for a motion to defer. Mr. Mitchell moved to defer the request as submitted. Mr. Tedder seconded the motion, and the vote to approve the deferral passed unanimously (5-0).

DRB-2021-18 Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for façade alterations of the building located at 151 West Evans Street, Tax Map Number 90167-02-005; H-1 Historic Overlay District.

Chairwoman Buyck read the introduction of DRB-2021-18 and asked staff for their report. Mrs. Zlotnicki gave the staff report as submitted to the Design Review Board. Synergi wants to add a canopy over the main entrance at the rear of their building on Courthouse Square.

There being no one to speak either for or against the request, Chairwoman Buyck closed the public hearing and called for discussion and then a motion. Mr. Collins asked if the metal canopy was a material permitted by the Guidelines. Mr. Dudley said that it's not considered an awning, which are not permitted to be metal, but there are many examples of this style around downtown. Mr. Tedder moved to approve the request as submitted. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and the vote to approve the request passed unanimously (5-0).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Dudley pointed out that Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Buyck have completed their terms on the Board, and this is their last meeting. He thanked them for their service and contributions to the mission of the DRB over the years. He said Mrs. Buyck provided historical advice and Mr. Mitchell kept everything practical. Mrs. Buyck said she's pleased with what they've accomplished and thanked staff for their work over the years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairwoman Buyck thanked everyone for their participation, and adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by

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