

RIVER DISTRICT DESIGN COMMISSION

MEETING OF

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Members Present

George Davis
Andrew Hessler
Adam Jones
John Ranson
Courtney Nicholas

Members Absent

Peyton Keesee
R.J. Lackey

Staff

Doug Plachcinski
Lisa Jones
Ryan Dodson

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

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Certificate of Appropriateness Request at 109 Main Street to install a sub slab depressurization system to remediate fumes under a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality order. The work includes piping and exhaust fans with cosmetic blower housings.*

Mr. Joe Foster was present to speak. I am here to represent the owners of the building. For the last six years, we have been playing around with the department of Environmental Quality in Richmond. We have a plan under their volunteer remediation program to put in a sub-slab-depressurization system. It is a big fan and the only part of that is anywhere visible is what is going to come out after they go to the roof. It has to be above the roofline and it is going to look like a water drain. There is going to be two of them, one on the side next to the bridge, and then one hiding in the vines over there where the sign is.

Ms. Nicholas stated are they going to be outdoor mounted or indoor mounted?

Mr. Foster stated they are outdoor mounted and they have to go up to the roof above the roofline.

Ms. Nicholas stated will both of them go above the roof line but one comes out and runs the whole length of the building and ones runs the whole length of the inside of the building and just the vent comes out at the top.

Mr. Foster stated no, they both are on the exterior of the building. One of them starts higher than the other and the one on the riverside will come out about window height

and go up. The one on the side where the courtside is will start at the base and go up and you will probably will never see that one because it is going to be sort in and around where that sign is that is where all the vines grow.

Mr. Jones stated this is the white scheduled PVC piping.

Mr. Foster stated yes, we could probably make it decorative and color the same as the building.

Mr. Jones stated it kind of blocks the stark white of the pipe, so it will not stand out so much.

Mr. Foster stated right. Are there any other questions that I might be able to answer?

Mr. Davis stated probably for me, and excuse my ignorance, but which building is this? I usually do a drive through for all of these that we have coming before us.

Mr. Foster stated the Spectrum building; it is actually the annex where the canal and Cotton are.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Nicholas made a motion for this request to be granted for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 109 Main Street to install and operate a sub- slab depressurization system in support of managing VOC vapors as submitted in their application. Mr. Hessler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0-1 vote. (Mr. Ranson abstained).

Mr. Ranson arrived at the meeting at 4:08 pm.

Mr. Davis, Chairman handed over the meeting to Ms. Nicholas for item 2 on the agenda.

2. *Certificate of Appropriateness Request at 336 Main Street to replace existing building signs with acrylic lettering, aluminum lettering, bronze plaques, and LED channel letter signs.*

Ms. Nicholas opened the Public Hearing.

Al Sears, Facilities Manager at First National Bank to speak. We are just requesting to replace the signage that is there on Virginia Bank and Trust with our new logo and renaming it. The one in the rear we are requesting to do with a LED so you will be seeing it as you drive across the bridge coming into town. I see that you are requesting to do a Halo lightning and we have no problem with that. McBride Sign is in the process of having us another design and proposal for that one. The one that is on the side of the bank we requested acrylic and I think my understanding that you are recommending a

different type of material for that and we are hoping for suggestions for that one. That was actually building two.

Ms. Nicholas stated so in total it is four signs, correct?

Mr. Sears stated three sign on building two and building one there is one front sign with two wall plaques and one wall plaque on side of North Market Street.

Ms. Nicholas stated you are not proposing to light the plaques at all?

Mr. Sears stated no. They will be bronze plaques. The one at the top of the main entrance is not going to be lit either.

Ms. Nicholas stated the only ones that will be lit are on building two?

Mr. Sears stated just one of those will be lit. That is the one where the garage door is. It should be building sign number two.

Mr. Hessler stated building two, sign two.

Ms. Nicholas stated that is correct.

Mr. Sears stated sign one we were just requesting to replace the existing letters with acrylic lettering.

Mr. Jones stated building two, sign two above the white rock is the one that is being halo?

Mr. Sears stated yes.

Ms. Nicholas stated then on sign three above the garage door, which is the one that you were asking to be acrylic?

Mr. Sears stated the side bridge as well as the one on the side.

Ms. Nicholas stated I am sorry. I am just trying to keep them all straight.

Mr. Sears stated yes ma'am.

Mr. Jones stated which window do you typically want to be replaced with acrylic letters. What is up there currently?

Mr. Sears stated I believe acrylic but honestly, I am not sure.

Ms. Nicholas have they suggested any kind of material instead of being acrylic, like aluminum or some other kind of sign?

Mr. Plachcinski stated I did not in my recommendation. I asked Kenny and he said sometimes you recommend other materials but he did not say anything specific.

Ms. Nicholas stated do we have a list of suggested materials?

Mr. Plachcinski stated no, it is more the acrylic lettering is on the not suggested list as too glossy. We are suggesting not glossy.

Ms. Nicholas stated I just like to give helpful guidance

Mr. Sears stated if gloss is the problem then we could go matte. We are willing to go with whatever you suggest.

Mr. Hessler stated I think gloss is more of a plastic look.

Ms. Nicholas stated and I think that is what they are trying to get away from.

Mr. Sears stated I think wood we would have a hard time keeping it up.

Ms. Nicholas stated I 'm also not looking to make you spend tons of money for a small sign. I would find something that works for less.

Mr. Hessler stated building one sign one?

Ms. Nicholas stated building one sign one, is also listed as being acrylic.

Mr. Plachcinski stated correct and I did miss that. I would suggest either of those are possible.

Ms. Nicholas stated so if they could do acrylic that is not glossy, would that be ok.

Mr. Plachcinski stated I think that is more in line with the guidelines.

Ms. Nicholas stated John were you able to hear what we were saying?

Mr. Ranson stated nope.

Ms. Nicholas stated okay. What the confusion is about or the discussion is about, the acrylic lettering that is suggested, and what would be an appropriate alternative. The concern is not so much over acrylic, it's over how shiny or glossy it is. It was suggested that acrylic might be appropriate if it could be done in a flat or matte color, rather than a gloss. It does not necessary have to be another material.

Mr. Sears stated would a semi-gloss work. We want it to show up as well as possible.

Ms. Nicholas stated do you think something like a semi-gloss would work?

Mr. Ranson stated I do not know why not.

Ms. Nicholas stated they just do not want it very shiny and plastic looking.

Mr. Sears stated would we need to come back and present that?

Ms. Nicholas stated we can approve it in such a way that as long as it fits x characteristics, then you can go ahead with it.

Mr. Sears stated we would send the proposal back to Mr. Plachcinski to look at once we get it back from McBride Signs.

Mr. Ranson stated did somebody ask what the existing letters are?

Mr. Jones stated yes, I did.

Mr. Ranson stated what was the answer?

Ms. Nicholas stated no sure.

Mr. Sears stated I am assuming they are either acrylic or painted aluminum.

Mr. Jones stated my last question on building one. Is it just one plaque?

Ms. Nicholas stated it is three plaques and they all look the same.

Mr. Sears stated we will definitely do halo on the other one.

Ms. Nicholas stated we do not have a problem with the halo. John, do you have any issues with the halo lightning?

Mr. Ranson stated where is the halo lightning?

Ms. Nicholas stated building two, sign two.

Mr. Ranson stated no.

Ms. Nicholas closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Jones made a motion that a Certificate of Appropriateness to be granted at 336 Main Street for replacing the existing sign in the air for building one, sign one to be semi-gloss for the letters, building one will have three new bronze plaques. Building two sign one going back with semi-gloss for the letters, building two sign two going back with halo lightning and building two sign three going back with semi-gloss for the letters. . Mr. Hessler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0-1 vote. (Mr. Davis abstained).

Ms. Nicholas handed over the meeting back to Mr. Davis, Chairman.

3. *Certificate of Appropriateness Request at 133 S Ridge Street to add a wall sign and replace the freestanding sign bringing it into zoning conformance.*
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There was no one present to speak on behalf of Paths.

Mr. Ranson stated hasn't that already been done. I drove by there and I saw that sign.

Mr. Davis stated that's not to say that it has not been done.

Mr. Plachcinski stated they haven't called me to come and inspect it.

Mr. Ranson stated there was definitely a sign when I drove by there or maybe I saw the freestanding sign.

Mr. Davis stated they are looking to replace the freestanding sign.

Ms. Nicholas stated maybe they wanted to get rid of the freestanding sign and mount.

Mr. Plachcinski stated they removed the old one outside of it because they are reducing the size of that. They are taking the old framing that is falling apart off and they are cutting it down by about thirty percent.

Mr. Davis stated to me I think that the sign outside looks perfectly fine.

Mr. Plachcinski stated I have not drove by there to be honest.

Ms. Nicholas stated so this is the old free clinic?

Mr. Davis stated yes.

Mr. Davis closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Nicholas made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 133 South Ridge Street add a wall sign replacing the freestanding sign and bringing it into zoning conformance as submitted in their COA application. Mr. Hessler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 8, 2020 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hessler stated the building that Ken Gillie was talking about that was slowly crumbling on Wilson Street. That building is half way torn down.

Mr. Dodson stated that is actually a different one that is in the area. We had two historic buildings we had to do emergency demolitions on. One is on Wilson Street and the other was a warehouse on Spring Street. If any of you know, where the old McCain Printing is, but it is the two-story building adjacent to that. The back corner is falling off and we are in the process of getting the emergency demo taking care of. I hope that it will be done in the next week or so.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved By:



November 4, 2020

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter regarding the request for a zoning change being presented by the owners of the King Cropp Restaurant. One of the reasons we chose our house on Main Street was the option to walk to many stores (The Brick, Vintages, Lizzie Lou's, etc) and to enjoy the dining options such as King Cropp and Crema and Vine. We dine frequently at King Cropp and were aware of their need to relocate to another location. The opportunity to support small businesses is very important to our family and we are thrilled that King Cropp was able to find a new location on Main Street and remain a part of our neighborhood. Another great aspect of the new location is the close proximity to SOVAH (where one of us is employed) and the additional option for dining that will be available to our employees and our patients' visitors. We are confident that you will approve this request and allow us the opportunity to indulge in many, many more delicious meals at King Cropp!

Thank you,

John and Mary Kent
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11-09-2020

Danville Planning Commission

RE: King Cropp proposal for restaurant @ 1050 Main

Thank you for the opportunity to "speak" in absentia to the issue of King Cropp's request for a special use permit.

As a neighbor and business near the proposed site we are in support of King Cropp's initiative to have their restaurant at Main and Broad Streets. As you know, this building has been vacant for several years. We welcome the fact that this historic building will be occupied and will be preserved. We believe that the addition of this restaurant will enhance Main Street and we would be happy that they continue their success in their endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grace Lekwuwa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

Grace Lekwuwa, Office Administrator
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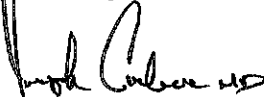
Mr. Jim Cropp
162 College Avenue
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Dear Mr. Cropp:

Danville Urologic Clinic, Inc. d/b/a Southside Urology & Nephrology supports your application to open a restaurant at the property located at 1050 Main Street. We feel this entity will be an asset to the neighborhood which presently lacks ongoing business activities during the evening hours.

Please let me know if you need additional information from us in support of your application.

Sincerely,



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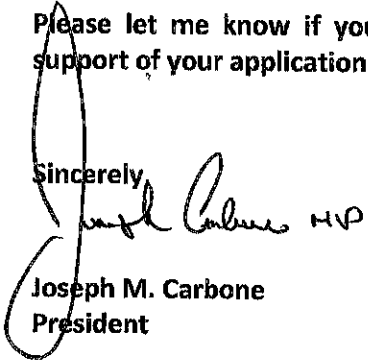
As follow-up to our recent conversations, this will confirm that Danville Urologic Clinic, Inc. d/b/a Southside Urology & Nephrology will make its parking lot available to your restaurant at times when our office is closed.

Our hours of operation are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Friday. One of our departments is open on Friday afternoons but we need only a few parking spaces for patients and staff. We close for lunch between 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM each day and parking lot utilization is generally very minimal during this time.

In addition, we will make our employee parking lot on Broad Street available to your staff members to free up spaces for your customers, particularly during weekday lunch hours.

Please let me know if you need additional information from us in support of your application.

Sincerely,


Joseph M. Carbone
President