

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Kevin Cox [x] Foss Farrar [] Charles Jennings [] Kayleigh Lawson [x] JW Lozano [x]

Staff present at roll call included Principal Planner Josh White and Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson. Tim Hays of Hays Sign Company was also present for the applicant. Jennings joined the meeting in progress.

Consent Agenda:

Lozano made a motion to approve the May 6, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Lawson seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

1. Historic Review-211 S Summit St Sign

White presented the case explaining the appropriate guidelines for signage. He explained that the sign as originally submitted would not meet the Guidelines. The sign was an illuminated box sign that extended past the top of the parapet wall. He stated that Hays was here to discuss some alternatives. Hays pointed out that only the letters would be lit at night and compared it to other approved signs in the historic district. Hays presented some alternatives to the board. He stated that with the proposed alternative the sign was still technically a box sign but the purple would not be illuminated, only the letters. He also said that lowering the sign so that it didn't extend beyond the parapet should not be an issue. Lozano asked if there was an issue with the purple background. White replied that the color itself was not an issue. He asked how far the sign would extend above the parapet. Hays clarified the proposed placement and size of the sign. Cox asked if this was a box sign. Hays indicated that there was a certain depth to it. He also stated that there would be no leakage of light around the edges. Lozano actually noted that the existing signage was box letters that are illuminated. It was also pointed out that the canopy over the sidewalk would mean the bottom portion of the sign would not be visible from the sidewalk. After further discussion, Lozano made a motion to adopt the findings and approve the building permit for 211 S Summit St as reviewed and discussed including not extending above the top of the parapet in accordance with K.S.A. 75-224. Lawson seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

2. Miscellaneous

Cox asked if there was any further business. White did remind the board that we do need to look into further education opportunities for property owners. He pointed out that the Burford was working on a small interior project involving a commercial kitchen. He also mentioned that they had applied for tax credits for a project involving the storefront but wasn't sure if that project was moving forward. Lozano brought up an issue with work that had been done on Schmidt Jewelers. He felt that the project didn't meet the Standards and was inappropriate for the building. White acknowledged that he agreed and that the project did indeed slip through the cracks. He promised to be more diligent on such projects in the future. Lozano was concerned that this was not a fix but a mere cover up and that the problems will resurface at a later date. Lawson asked if other cities had an educational program but White indicated there weren't really any strong examples. White suggested something hands on, something that would create interest in preservation as simply discussing financial incentives was ineffective. He also pointed out that our agreement with the SHPO for reviews was coming due and would bring that up soon.

Adjournment:

Lozano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennings seconded the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.