

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Town Hall 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Community Design Commission Meeting Minutes

Susana Dancy, Chair Christine Berndt, Vice-Chair Edward Hoskins Kim Levell

Susan Lyons Megan Patnaik Polly Van de Velde John Weis

Thursday, April 2, 2020

3:00 PM

RM 110 | Council Chamber

Opening

Staff to lead discussion

Roll Call

Present

8 - Chair Susana Dancy, Vice-Chair Christine Berndt, Edward Hoskins, Kim Levell, Susan Lyons, Megan Patnaik, Polly Van de Velde, and John Weis

Virtual Meeting Notification

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Amy Harvey Adam Nicholson Judy Johnson

Announcements

Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Berndt expressed concern about public comment for development projects being heard.

A motion was made by Weis, seconded by Patnaik, that this was approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Lyons, seconded by Weis, that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

1. Granville Tower East

[20-0224]

Roof Mech. Equipment

Commission is asked to approve building elevation modifications as a result of maintenance upgrades. New mech. equipment and railing will be added to the roof of granville towers. No other exterior modifications are proposed.

2. 316 W. Rosemary-The Warehouse

[20-0225]

Maintenance Required Window Replacement

Commission is asked to approve building elevation modifications as a result of maintenance upgrades. Applicant is proposing a one for one window replacement to address failing windows.

Concept Plan Reviews

3. 125 E. Rosemary Street

[20-0226]

Parking Structure

Commission is asked to provide comments on proposed parking structure.

Commission Consensus

- 1. Concern about public input.
- 2. Wanted to know how the building would relate to the historic district.
- 3. Parking should be underground if possible.
- 4. Vary height and articulation would be important.
- 5. Applicant/Town should include a step- back provision to reduce impact on the neighborhood.
- 6. Members differed on keeping or removing the pedestrian bridge.
- 7. Concern about the overall building massing.
- 8. Building skin needs more thorough review.
- 9. Would like to see more greenery on the structure.
- 10. Supportive of the retail porch concept, concerned about potential dead space.
- 11. Supportive of PV arrays on deck roof.
- 12. Would like to see a mural on the building.
- 13. Members differed on the height of the structure as it relates to Rosemary.
- 14. Supportive of the existing use type as a re-use.
- 15. Referenced the Green Square deck in Raleigh as a good example to follow.

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Individual Comments

- 1. Would like to see a map of the national register and local historic districts.
- 2. New project is a great way to soften the hard feel of the current deck.
- 3. Use of natural materials and greenery was supported.
- 4. No place currently for 'humans' to be.
- 5. No activity in current design.
- 6. Not supportive of 136 Rosemary design informing this design.
- 7. Solid wall facing North Street neighborhood is a disaster.

Petitions

4. Design Awards Report

[20-0227]

Pending meeting time, interface and coordinating logistics commission may discuss current efforts on chapel hill design awards.

Hoskins provided an update/outline on the awards petition.

Chair Dancy suggested council allocate money for the award.

Adjournment

Next Meeting - TBD

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