

MINUTE RECORD OF THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO DESIGN AND HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M., EAST MEZZANINE, CITY HALL, 72 WEST COLLEGE AVENUE, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

PRESENT: David Mazur, Terry Hucks, Ashley Young-Turner (Chair), Sandra Morris, Gary Donaldson

ABSENT: William Carter, Barbara Hesse, Historic Preservation Officer

STAFF: Rebeca Guerra, AICP, LEED-AP, CPD, Planning Manager
Jeff Fisher, Planner

I. Call to order and establish that a quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Young-Turner, a quorum of 5 was present.

Consent Agenda:

The Commission may request for a Consent Agenda item to be moved to the Regular Agenda for presentation and public comment. Otherwise, the consent agenda will be considered in one vote.

Note: The September 3, 2015, Design & Historic Review Commission regular meeting minutes will be approved at the October 15, 2015, Design & Historic Review Commission regular meeting, as they were not made available to Staff at the time of this meeting.

II. Regular Agenda:

a. RCC15-27: City of San Angelo

Subject: A request for approval, as required by Section 12.703(b)(1) of the River Corridor Development Ordinance, for a new 75-square foot, aluminum-framed ground sign with changing LED display and backlit LED lighting design on a concrete base.

Location: 501 Rio Concho Drive (McNease Convention Center), located at the southwest corner of Rio Concho Drive and Surber Drive; more specifically being the Fort Concho River Lots Subdivision "McNease Convention Center", Lots 17 and 18, except the south 357 feet and except the north par.

Planner Jeff Fisher outlined the case. The site is 8.4 acres and located at 501 Rio Concho Drive, the site of the McNease Convention Center. The Convention Center wants to replace the existing freestanding ground sign on top of the concrete base facing Rio Concho Drive. The new sign will also be 75 square feet but 50 square feet of this

sign will be an electronic message LED sign that can change messages. The electronic message portion will have a black background with blue changing letters, and the 25 square foot non-changing portion will be a blue background with white letters that says "McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Drive." Mr. Fisher conveyed Planning Staff's recommendation to approve the proposed sign based on the River Corridor Master Development Plan Policies for Commercial Use Outside the Historic City Center. The sign is consistent with the neutral colors of the existing sign and other signs in the area. The sign will be of an LED design, allowing light spill to be controlled and eliminating glare into the river. Mr. Fisher explained the Convention Center had received a previous River Corridor approval, RCC14-42, for an electronic message sign that was never erected and looked different than this sign. He mentioned that the 4 conditions from that approval are being recommended along with a 5th condition for this application which can be found in the staff report.

Commissioner Hucks asked if the base would remain in the same place.

Mr. Fisher responded that was correct, but that the new sign to be erected on top of the base would be moved further south, outside of the public right-of-way.

Commissioner Donaldson asked if there is a good reason for the Convention Center to move the sign.

Mr. Fisher mentioned the base would not have to move, only the portion of the sign that encroaches into the right-of-way.

Commissioner Young-Turner asked Mr. Fisher if he could read out the 5 conditions of approval.

Mr. Fisher read the 5 conditions into the record, which were: that flashing light, the appearance of flashing light, animated graphics, video clips or any arrangement and timing of lighting that gives the appearance of movement shall be prohibited; that each message shall be displayed for at least 4 seconds; that a change of message shall be accomplished within no more than two (2) seconds and shall occur simultaneously on the entire sign face; that the sign shall produce no uncomfortably harsh or bright light objectionable to passing motorists or to occupants of adjacent and nearby property; and that the applicant shall obtain a Sign Permit from the Permits and Inspections Division in compliance with the above conditions, and all other applicable provisions of the Sign Ordinance.

Commissioner Young-Turner asked for confirmation that there would be no animation or graphics changing, only text.

Mr. Fisher indicated that is correct, that the only change would be the letters.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the request subject to the 5 conditions presented by Staff. Commissioner Donaldson seconded the motion. The Motion was passed unanimously, 5-0.

VII. Future meeting agenda and announcements.

Chairperson Young-Turner announced that the next regular meeting of the Design and Historic Review Commission is scheduled to begin on *Thursday, October 15, 2015*, at 10:00am in Council Chambers (South Meeting Room) of the McNease Convention Center at 501 Rio Concho Drive.

Ms. Guerra indicated that City Council plans to meet with members of the various Boards in San Angelo to discuss matters pertinent to their Boards in future. She requested the DHRC Members to think of relevant issues they would like to discuss with City Council in future. Ms. Guerra explained this meeting with Council would take place during a normal City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Morris raised concerns that what is being built at 115 South Chadbourne Street, subject to July's DHRC Approval, Case RCC15-21, is not seeming to be in compliance with what is being built.

Ms. Guerra indicated she spoke to the contractor and the metal framing is in the middle of construction and is not finished yet, and that additional work will be done.

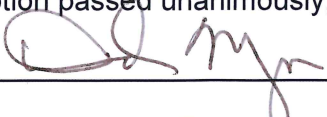
Commissioner Morris mentioned the applicant would use a cast-iron bell on the columns, and that the wooden boxes in place now would come apart during rain.

Ms. Guerra indicated she would attempt to go out again and meet with the contractor and owner.

Commissioner Donaldson thanked Staff for their work, and for the Planning Director and City Manager for attending.

VIII. Adjournment.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. by Commissioner Hucks and seconded by Commissioner Mazur. The Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

By 

Ashley Young-Turner, Chairperson
Design & Historic Review Commission