

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
FORT THOMAS DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
HELD AT THE FORT THOMAS CITY BUILDING
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mark Thurnauer, Vice Chair
Barry Petracco
Pat Hagerty, Secretary

ABSENT: Jeffrey Sackenheim, Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Shelton, City Administrative Assistant
Cheri Scherpenberg, G.S. Administrative Assistant

Mark Thurnauer presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES – August 24, 2023. A motion was made by Barry Petracco and seconded by Pat Hagerty to approve the minutes as submitted. All ayes approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1107 S. Ft. Thomas Avenue

Andrew & Brittney Frietch, Applicants/Owners
BF Realty
Awning

Andrew Frietch was in attendance to address the Board. Mr. Frietch informed the Design Review Board that he is the new owner of the building at 1107 S. Ft. Thomas Ave. The owner would like to remove the existing sign and replace it with a black awning that he feels will help preserve the historic look of the building.

With minimal discussion, a motion was made by Mark Thurnauer and seconded by Barry Petracco to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application for an awning as submitted. The Certificate of Appropriateness application for an awning was approved. Motion carried 3-0.

18 N. Ft. Thomas Avenue

Dan Gorman, Applicant/Owner
United Property Group, Ltd.
Signage

Dan Gorman, owner of 18 N. Ft. Thomas Ave. was in attendance to address the Board. Mr. Gorman informed the Board that there are approximately 19 tenants in the building. He stated that it is a unique challenge to provide signage as the building is long and narrow with multiple floors. Mr. Gorman said he

is asking for approval for signage similar to the original theater signs on the building. The signs would be located on the left and right side of the entrance, have lighting for visibility, be weatherproof and list the business occupants with individual plaques in the case.

With minimal discussion, a motion was made by Pat Hagerty and seconded by Barry Petracco to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness application for signage. The Certificate of Appropriateness application for signage was approved. Motion carried 3-0.

10 Alexander Circle

Cincinnati Pergola, LLC. Applicant
Darek & Abbey Sanford, Owners
Pergola

A representative from Cincinnati Pergola was in attendance to address the Board. The gentleman stated that the home owners have a space above the garage where they would like to add a pergola to provide shade, lowering the temperature and creating a cooler space. He said the pergola would be powder coated aluminum and not deteriorate with an internal gutter system that will tie into the existing gutter on the garage. The representative stated the color would be black with black louvers and have smooth framework that matches the trim on the house. He relayed that the homeowner would also like to replace the railing with an aluminum handrail or possibly something more modern.

With modest discussion, a motion was made by Pat Hagerty and seconded by Barry Petracco to table the discussion for the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a pergola for the applicant to provide images demonstrating the visibility from a street view as well as to give board members a chance to review the guidelines and memorandum of agreement for homes in Alexander Circle. The Certificate of Appropriateness application for a pergola was tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Members of the audience in attendance to address the Board:

Sharon MacKnight, who resides at 62 Miller Ln., asked about Board Member interpretations regarding a new build in relation to the historic area and where the interpretations are from.

Melanie Powers, who resides at 13 Pearson St., said she feels the sightline where the pergola will be is completely visible from the street, especially with lighting. Melanie Powers references a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Ft. Thomas and the VA as well as guidelines that were established for homes in Alexander Circle that include the back of the homes. Melanie Powers noted that homeowners were aware of restrictions when the properties were purchased and that changes and additions should be addressed that do not adhere to the standards that maintain the history of the area.

Adjournment

With no further business to address, a motion was made by Mark Thurnauer and seconded by Barry Petracco to adjourn the meeting at this time. All in favor.