



MEETING MINUTES
DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Thursday, March 7, 2024
Public Hearing: 2:00 p.m.

In-Person:
City Council Conference Room 2020
200 Texas Street
2nd Floor-City Hall
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

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BOARD MEMBERS

P	Paul Rietema	- Place 1	P	Andrew Blake	- Place 5
P	Laura Bird	- Place 2	P	Allison Docker	- Place 6
P	Leah Dunn	- Place 3	P	Tony Pham	- Place 7
P	Matthijs Melchiors	- Place 4		Vacant	- Alternate

P = Present HP = Hybrid Present E = Excused Absence U = Unexcused Absence

Notes: Ms. Laura Bird excused herself and left the meeting at 3:25 P.M.
Staff present: Meghan Falcon, Francisco Vega, Mary Wells, Nico Arias, LaShondra Stringfellow.

- (a) A waiver from the allocation of sign area standards for ground floor signs on a storefront exceeding 50 linear feet, to allow a wall sign with an area of 39.14 square feet and a second sign with an area of 22.13 square feet for a total area of 61.27 square feet, instead of the maximum allowed square footage of 35 square feet.

DG24-003		1109 Lamar Street	
Staff Recommendation:	Staff presented their report and recommended approval subject to the condition of installing a street tree with a tree grate at the corner of Lamar and West 4th Streets. Also, staff recommends the applicant reconsider substituting the proposed wooden fence with a low brick wall and wooden fence at the top or a brick wall facing West 4th Street and a wooden fence facing the alleyway. Finally, the staff of the DDRB recommends approval of the proposed signage and waivers.		
Support:	The DFWI Design Review Committee recommended approval of the application provided the applicant considers two suggestions. The committee acknowledges that this is much needed improvement to the property. (1) In order for the dog play area to feel more urban, it is recommended that in lieu of a wooden fence that it include some of the original brick from the structure that is coming down at the base and/or in columns. The base may help from a function standpoint with durability. (2) Given the waiver for street trees, the committee would like the applicant to consider an open space at that corner for the new tree.		
Opposition:	None		
Motion:	That the request is <u>approved</u>. Additionally, the DDRB <u>deny without prejudice the waiver from the street tree standards to not install street trees to further study a parking design that meets the downtown standards</u>.		
Motion by:	Melchiors		
2nd by:	Blake		
Vote:	6-0		
Recused:	None		

E. ADJOURNMENT – 3:53 P.M.

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