



CITY OF CHARLESTON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

MEETING RESULTS

MARCH 20, 2023

4:30 P.M.

2 GEORGE STREET

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Smith, Dinos Liollo, Ashley Jackrel, Erin Stevens, Stephanie Tillerson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: David Meeks, DRB Administrator; Patrick Carlson, City Clerk Office

A. Applications

1. 2012 Meeting St.

Upper Peninsula | TMS # 466-16-00-012 | DRB2022-000122

Request conceptual approval for two buildings, a new office building/warehouse, and a garage/storage building.

Owner: T and L Properties LLC

Applicant: Tupper Builders

DECISION: APPROVED

MOTION: Conceptual approval, with **staff comments # 2 – 6**, and Board comments to examine the removal of the aluminum wood grain material at the corners and replace with the dark grey metal siding. Restudy the landscape in the front between the building and the street, adding more layers of landscape, and less mulched areas. Substitute another plant for the Lorapetalum and the Pittosporum.

MADE BY: Liollo SECOND: Stevens VOTE: FOR: 5 AGAINST: 0

STAFF COMMENTS:

1. Staff likes the wood grain look at the corners of the building but not the wood grain aluminum siding. This material can dent and look poorly over time. Restudy this material to be something more sturdy such as Nichiha siding. The rendering provided does not represent the wood grain material effectively. Staff was considering suggesting the removal of this wood grain material thinking it may look too busy, but remembers this was an element that the owner pointed out at the last review that they liked. (glass and wood grain materials together)
2. The rendering of the back building shows a stark white garage door and staff suggest that the color be revised to better blend in with the building color.
3. Provide color elevations at the Preliminary submittal.
4. In a discussion with Mr. Schultz of TRC, he informed staff that the tree in the notch of the garage is actually a Tallow tree and he had instructed for this tree to be removed and

- replaced with a Live Oak tree, 2.5" caliper. Mr. Schultz wanted to see the building remain notched to give the new tree enough room.
5. The existing Crape Myrtle shown at the front of the building is gone. Mr. Schultz said this is OK since it was in poor condition. These landscape directives had already been communicated to the Civil by Mr. Schultz so please confirm and show these corrections at the next submittal.
 6. Show utilities at the next submittal and how they will be screened if very visible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Conceptual approval with the conditions noted.

2. Ashley River Rd. and Dogwood Rd.

West Ashley | TMS # 355-16-00-025, 026, 027, 083 | DRB2021-000074

Request preliminary approval for a new affordable housing community with 78 townhomes.

Owner: Homes of Hope, LLC
Applicant: SeamonWhiteside

DECISION: APPROVED

MOTION: Preliminary approval, with staff comments # 1 and 2. With Board comment to provide a blow up of a typ. back patio, showing the details of the paving materials and any tree plantings.

MADE BY: Tillerson SECOND: Stevens VOTE: FOR: 5 AGAINST: 0

STAFF COMMENTS:

1. DRB requires that utilities such as electric meters and conduit, etc. be painted to match the façade color where located, as well as some additional screening with landscape or fencing.
2. In looking at the tree removal exhibit, staff was questioning if any of the existing trees just to the right of the proposed entry drive could be saved, in the required buffer, or the driveway entrance shifted and split to go around a saved tree.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Preliminary approval

B. Minutes

1. Review of Minutes from the March 6, 2023 Meeting

DECISION: APPROVED

MADE BY: Liollio SECOND: Jackrel VOTE: FOR: 5 AGAINST: 0
