

PLANNING SERVICES

Gateway Review Board

## CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE GATEWAY REVIEW BOARD

There will be a meeting of the City Gateway Review Board on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. <u>in</u> the Mason Conference Room, Mezzanine Level, City Hall, 222 West Main Street.

#### AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of the December 11, 2018, Meeting Minutes
- 3. 99 BLK South 9th Avenue: Consider *Conceptual* Approval of a multi-story hotel within the 99 BLK of South 9th Avenue
- 4. Open Forum

Sincerely,

Leslie Statler Planner



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## Gateway Review Board

MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY REVIEW BOARD December 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Montgomery, Bob Wilson, Brett Janson, Sergio Hernandez,

Elizabeth Fleischhauer, Michael Wolf, Eric Schmitz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Leslie Statler, Planner, Amy Hargett, Planning Technician

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 

Andy Leach

## **CALL TO ORDER / QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting was called to order at 10:59 am by Chairman Montgomery with a quorum present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Item 2: The Chairman asked for approval of the July 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hernandez and carried unanimously. Item 3: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Wolf, and it carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 4:** 400 E. Chase Street – Aesthetic Review for Exterior Modifications - Aesthetic Review for Attached Wall Signage

Andy Leach is requesting aesthetic approval for exterior modifications to the west side of the existing building to accommodate a drive-thru window. The scope of the proposed modifications call for the removal of one of the windows and the installation of a small addition with a drive-thru window. The addition will be framed with columns to match the existing exterior details. The parking lot will also be reconfigured to accommodate the addition and traffic flow. All exterior finishes will match the existing building. In an effort to streamline the process, the attached wall signage is also under consideration with this application. In 2015, the Zoning Board granted additional signage for the building tenants. The amount of signage complies with the Variance; only the aesthetics of the signage are under consideration at this time.

Chairman Montgomery asked if staff had any issues with the proposal, and Ms. Statler said there were none. The applicant had been through development review where the project was discussed in whole, and parking and signage were not an issue. She explained they worked with Mr. Leach in regard to the signage variance approved several years ago, and they were not asking for more than was allowed previously.

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Mr. Leach addressed the Board and stated the drive-thru would be located on the west side of the building, and everything would be uniform with what already exists. The signage would face the Convention Center and Chase Street. He explained the outdoor section might be used for wine tasting in the future. Ms. Fleischhauer asked if there was a complete site plan, and Mr. Leach stated there was, but he had not included it in this package. He advised they would be eliminating 11 parking spaces to accommodate the drive-thru. Mr. Janson suggested looking into providing some green space. It was confirmed the business was strictly retail, and Ms. Statler stated the loss of 11 parking spaces was not an issue.

Ms. Fleischhauer asked if there was a reason the drive-thru was not located on the side of the building. Mr. Leach explained the back side contained a large drainage ditch, and there was no way to bring a drive up to it, and they would be invading the other spaces across the front which are rented. Mr. Hernandez confirmed all the businesses face Chase Street.

Mr. Hernandez made a motion to approve as submitted for the driveway and signage, seconded by Mr. Schmitz. The vote carried 6 to 1 with Ms. Fleischhauer dissenting. Ms. Fleischhauer did not think having the drive-thru straight on 9th Avenue was effective, although there was no other place for them to place it; she felt it would kill that street façade, and it was a lot of hardscape on a primary elevation. Mr. Janson stated without having the use for the sidewalk now, they could incorporate a lot of green space, and Mr. Hernandez suggested more mature landscaping. For clarification, Ms. Statler explained the Board could not request but could suggest.

## Item 5:

<u>OPEN FORUM</u> – Mr. Hernandez asked about an inventory of empty or buildable lots. Ms. Statler stated she would get with Paul Kelly to provide this information. She also stated she would follow up with Code Enforcement on the East Gregory project. Mr. Wilson asked what authority the Board had to set parameters in a case like this one, stating the sign should be removed within a certain timeframe. Ms. Statler confirmed the Board would not have this authority since typically boards cannot set timeframes. She pointed out it was deemed noncompliant when the Board did not grant the variance, so the ordinance would have covered the remedy of the noncompliance, and there were timeframes set out in Code Enforcement. Mr. Wilson asked if the Board could have an understanding what that timeframe was so it would know when the sign might be corrected. Ms. Statler stated she would look into the matter and inform the Board. She did state she always informed Code Enforcement when a decision was made by the Board.

The Board considered inviting Mayor Robinson to a Board meeting to get to know him better and understand his viewpoints. They also considered inviting Jonathan Bilby, Building Official, to a Board meeting to get acquainted.

There being no further business, Mr. Hernandez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and it carried unanimously with the meeting being adjourned at 11:19 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Statler
City Planner

Secretary to the Board



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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**Gateway Review Board Members** 

FROM:

Leslie Statler, Planner

DATE:

May 6, 2019

**SUBJECT:** 

99 BLK South 9th Ave – New Multi-Story Hotel

### **BACKGROUND**

Philip Partington, SMP architecture, is requesting *conceptual* approval for a multi-story hotel located within the 99 BLK of South 9th Avenue. This project was previously granted conceptual approval in March 2018 and final approval in July 2018 after contextual detailing representative of Pensacola was added to the exterior. Per the application, the project has been revised due to soil composition. The building has been relocated to the interior of the lot with the surface parking area now on the southern half of the lot, adjacent to 3 roadways. With the proposed reorientation, the entrance along North 9th Avenue aligns with Aragon Street. The façade has changed from a predominately brick exterior with stucco accents to a predominately stucco exterior with a brick along the first floor. Since the application is conceptual, it does not include color specifications, material specifications/details, or a landscape plan. The screening required for the parking lot has also not been addressed within the submittal.

All relevant documentation is included for your review.



# Gateway Review Board Application Full Board Review

		Application Date: 4/23/6 9
Project Address:	The corner of 9th AV and Colfax Street	
Applicant:	Philip Partington , A.I.A.	
Applicant's Address:	SMP Architecture, 40 S. Palafox Street, Pensacola, FL.	
Email:	Philip@smp-arch.com	Phone: <b>850-432-7772</b>
Property Owner:	Peachtree Hotel Group	=
	(If different from Applicant)	
Residential – \$5	ade for the project as described herein: 60.00 hearing fee 250.00 hearing fee	: d materials have been submitted and it is
deemed complete by the	e Secretary to the Board. You will need	
Project specifics/descrip		proviously been reviewed by the beard
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	<u> </u>	to the north. The entrance to the site
now aligns with Argon Street. The main Entrance to the building now faces South. In addition		
the elevations have been revised as indicated on the attached sheets.		
that no refund of these f	cant, understand that payment of these fees will be made. I have reviewed the content of the date of the Gateway I	

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