

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION BOARD

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2005

3:00 P.M., J. MARTIN GRIESEL ROOM, CENTENNIAL PLAZA II

The Historic Conservation Board met at 3:00 P.M., in the J. Martin Griesel Room, Centennial Plaza II, with members Chatterjee, Kirk, Kreider, Raser, Senhauser, Spraul-Schmidt, and Sullebarger present. Absent: Bloomfield and Wallace

MINUTES

The minutes of the Monday, December 20, 2004 meeting were approved unanimously as corrected (motion by Sullebarger, second by Kirk).

PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW, 4035 HAMILTON AVENUE, NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT (NBD)

Staff member Adrienne Cowden presented a report for a preliminary design review for a new façade for 4035 Hamilton Avenue in the Northside NBD.

In reply to Ms. Spraul-Schmidt, Ms. Cowden stated the Historic Conservation Office files include images of 4035 Hamilton Avenue after the pigmented structural glass was removed, and a letter from staff to a previous owner in 1991 indicating a proposal for a new storefront did not meet the guidelines. No records were located that document the building's historic appearance.

In response to Mr. Raser, Ms. Cowden clarified that the Northside NBD guidelines only identify buildings of a later period and do not include a list of contributing / non-contributing buildings. Ms. Cowden commented that the Board could chose to treat the building as a non-contributing resource based on significant alterations that have occurred since the district was created in 1982.

The applicant, David Devereaux, David Devereaux Studio, was present to answer questions from the Board. Mr. Devereaux indicated the first floor tenant was an ethnic specialty food store. Signage for the business would likely include lettering on the storefront windows and the proposed canvas awning.

Mr. Senhauser commented that he did not believe the Board was opposed to a modern façade on this building. However, he stated the proposal lacked design continuity, consistency, and a strong identity. He suggested that the design included too many elements and could be simplified. Mr. Senhauser also indicated Mr. Devereaux may wish to consider other facing materials in the recessed entryway/balcony area. Board members Ms. Sullebarger, Mr. Chatterjee, and Mr. Raser agreed the design should be simplified, and further suggested that Mr. Devereaux take better advantage of the design's tripartite division of the façade.

BOARD ACTION

No official Board action was required.

ADJOURNMENT

As there were no other items for consideration by the Board, the meeting adjourned.

William L. Forwood
Urban Conservator

John C. Senhauser, Chairman

Date: _____