

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK
 VILLAGE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
 APRIL 14, 2021
 CALLED MEETING
 CITY HALL, 56 CHURCH STREET, MOUNTAIN BROOK, AL 35213
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

In response to COVID-19 social distancing mandates, the meeting was held via audio conferencing.

The called meeting of the City of Mountain Brook Village Design Review Committee was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., via audio conferencing. The roll was marked as follows:

Present:	Lynn Ritchie, Chairman Brian Barrett, Co-Chairman David Blackmon Stutts Everette George Israel Ashley Spotswood Katie Wohlwend	Absent: None
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Also present:	Alice Womack: Council Liaison Tyler Slaten: Planner Tammy Reid: Administrative Analyst
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This meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing amendments to **Case V-21-07: Circa Interiors & Antiques – 2820 Petticoat Lane.**

Jeremy Corkern represented the applicant. Bo Grisham also attended the meeting.

Additions/Changes:

- Bessemer Gray or Old Red Brick. Bessemer Gray brick would be the favored choice, but the applicant still prefers the painted brick. Tyler Slaten stated that new brick cannot be painted according to the Village Overlay Standards without a variance approval from the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The original painted brick may be repainted, but no new brick may be painted. Stucco is allowed.
- Submitted site prospective of the building and color scheme.
- Brass awnings (2” thick, slightly tilted brass plate, extending 18” out from the face of all three of the windows) and brass framing for the doorways.
- “Circa” letters are 18” tall; brass.
- Gas lantern on one side of the door.

Applicant comments:

- Other Village buildings do not have division between the floor spaces.
- The painted windows are more in scale to residential.
- Would prefer plate glass windows and doors; will give a residential scale to the building
- It is felt once the building is completed and accessories added, it will feel more residential in nature.
- The presented model is not unlike other buildings in the Village.
- A recommendation to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to allow painted brick will open up options.

Committee comments:

- Concerned about the scale of the building in relationship to the street.
- The presented rendering has a vertical impression rather than a preferred horizontal impression.
- This is a transitional street between residential and commercial; the presented scale seems out of character for the street – very commercial feel rather than residential.
- The windows are very dominant. Changing to plate glass windows on the lower floor, and possibly the upper floor, may give a softer and more horizontal feel. Adding a break between the first and second floor windows may also help.
- Lighting choices should be sensitive to the residents in the area and pedestrians. Consider downlighting rather than uplighting. Please provide more detail.
- Change material of the columns to match window mullions, maybe steel; change the plane of the columns – set back. Larger panes in windows may give a more modern look.
- Extend brass awning as a single element, not broken up between windows.
- Change color and/or material of columns.
- Lantern at the door is a good idea.
- New painted brick is not allowed without a variance from the Board of Zoning Adjustment.
- The earlier scheme mentioned, but not presented to the committee, may be more in line with the character of the street.
- Multiple proposals are welcomed.
- Please forward amendments via email for the committee to consider.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting stood adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on April 21, 2021.

Tammy Reid, Administrative Analyst