

UPTOWN FAÇADE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Uptown Façade Board was held on Tuesday, April 17th, 2023, at 3:07 p.m., at 420 10th Street, Government Center Annex - Conference Room, 1st Floor.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Wayne Bond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Board members attending included Jay Lewis, Ramon Brown, Libba Dillon, Debbie Young. Not attending: Robert Battle (Vice Chair), Niki Gedroic, Hannah Israel, and Cesar Bautista. Staff members Justin Krieg and Michael Mixen were also present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for March 2023 Meeting were approved. Ramon Brown motioned for approval as amended, which was seconded by Jay Lewis, the motion carried unanimously.

III. REVIEW OF NEW APPLICATIONS:

1. 123 12th Street, Sissy Boutique.

The applicant (Kimberly English) is seeking approval to change the Façade by adding a new awning to the front, two signs, one on the front and one on the side. The signs will not be lit. The sign on the side will be mounted on a raceway that will be similar in color to the current brick painted façade. The front sign will be mounted on the awning and the awning will be a striped black and white.

Uptown Façade Board Ordinance, Section 9.2.5 of the UDO:

J.3.(B) Review Criteria. The Board shall approve an application and issue a certificate of facade appropriateness if it finds that the proposal meets the requirements of this Section. In making this determination, the Board shall consider, in addition to any other pertinent factors, the following criteria:

- (1) The historic and architectural value and significance of the structure;
- (2) The architectural style, general design, arrangement, texture, and material of the architectural features involved with the structure and relationship to the interior architectural style;
- (3) The consistency with design guidelines adopted by the Board; and
- (4) Pertinent features of other structures within the Board's jurisdiction.

Staff Recommendation:

The applicant is proposing to install 2 different primary signs on the property. This property has primary street frontage on two streets, 12th Street and 2nd Avenue and is allowed two primary signs. The size, style and design of the signs appear to meet the guidelines of the Uptown Façade District, Section 6. It should be noted that internally illuminated signs are typically not allowed in the façade district. The proposed black and white striped awning also appears to meet the intent of the guidelines. Staff recommends approval as submitted.

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Motion to approve or disapprove. Debbie Young motioned for approval as proposed, the motion was seconded by Libba Dillon, and the motion was carried unanimously. A signed copy of the COA was be emailed to the Applicant Kimberly English on April 21st, 2023.

2. 301 13th Street, BAT Uptown LLC.

The applicant (**John Teeples**) is seeking approval to change the façade of the building by demolishing the upper interior floors, adding windows, and moving the front wall back about five feet. New windows know as weather shield with an aluminum frame will be added. They will focus on the first floor to establish the building (a vet clinic) and then refurbishment the second thru fourth floors. They will add a bronze colored 42-inch guard rail to prevent people from falling off the front walk. They will install lantern shaped lights and they refurbish the existing awning with new material.

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Staff Recommendation:

The proposed renovation at 301 13th Street appears to be generally consistent with the guidelines. Given the existing architecture of the building and the time period in which it was constructed the guidelines for the façade board afford the property owner a good deal of flexibility. The owner is proposing to alter the entrance located on the south façade of the building from a central recess to a symmetrical entrance with two doors located on the south façade. This proposed change is acceptable. It appears there is a new handrail to be located along the south façade of the building and details and examples were provided during the meeting. The addition of windows to the façade is welcomed, and window details were presented at the board meeting. The proposed layout appears appropriate. There is a new cladding material proposed to be located at ground level and up the middle of the south elevation. This application of a new cladding is acceptable in concept and will use the material to wrap around the building. The existing brick cladding in these areas will not be removed and the siding material will be placed on top of the existing brick. The existing awning structure will be used.

Staff recommends approval of the project as presented.

Motion to approve or disapprove. Ramon Brown motioned for approval as submitted with an understanding that the applicant or one of the separate business owners will have to return for additional external signage approval. The motion was seconded by Libba Dillon, and the motion was carried unanimously. A signed copy of the COA was provided to the applicant, John Teeples, after the vote.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

❖ None.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

❖ None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Jay Lewis motioned for adjournment and motion was seconded by Debbie Young. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wayne Bond, Chairman


Michael Mixen, Secretary