

UPTOWN FAÇADE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Uptown Façade Board was held on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., at 420 10th Street, Government Center Annex - Conference Room, 1st Floor.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	Alan Udy (MS Teams) Wayne Bond Roger Stinson Ramon Brown (MS Teams) Hannah Israel (MS Teams)	<u>Board Members Absent:</u> Jay Lewis Robert Battle Jud Richardson Debbie Young
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<u>Staff Members Present</u>	Trey Wilkinson, Planning Justin Krieg, HCF
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I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wayne Bond called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bond asked if there were any comments regarding the May minutes. Hearing none, Chairman Bond entertained a motion. Hannah Israel made a motion to approve the minutes. Ramon Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bond asked if there were any comments regarding the July minutes. Hearing none, Chairman Bond entertained a motion. Roger Stinson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ramon Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

1. 1008 Broadway – CSU

The applicant is proposing to add a new awning and signage.

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:

This property at 1008 Broadway is owned and occupied by Columbus State University. The university system is considered a quasi-governmental entity and therefore enjoys the ability to not adhere to local ordinances, etc. to include the Façade Board. Historically, CSU has always come before the board for feedback on their projects even though they are not legally obligated.

The application depicts a change of the awning fabric to a blue color as well as the graphics on the awnings. The two storefront sections facing Broadway have a similarly sized awning over each section, one is proposed to have "Barnes & Noble" and the other is proposed to have the CSU cougar and "Columbus State University."

Sizes and dimensions were not included in the application.

Staff comments in this situation are to be taken as suggestions I suppose. Staff would suggest the "Barnes & Noble @" section appears to be large and bold for the space, otherwise the awnings appear to be appropriate.

Steve Morse, representing the property owner, presented the case. After a short discussion, Roger Stinson made a motion to conditionally approve the case. The condition was that the signs presented needed to be smaller to meet UFB guidelines. Ramon Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. 945 Broadway, Ste. 102 – Neal H. Howard & Associates, P.C.

The applicant is proposing to add new signage on the windows.

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Staff Recommendation:

The applicant is proposing to install primary signage on the street level windows to denote a business location. The application left was unclear as to exactly where the windows are located on the building. This is important due to only one primary sign per business per primary street façade is allowed. It appears the signs may be proposed to be installed on the Broadway and 10th Street facades. If that is the case, the 2 signs reading "Neal Howard & Associates" are appropriate (one installed on Broadway, and one on 10th) (36"x10", 54"x15"). The other signs with the "NHA" logos are considered secondary signs and are not limited in number, but are limited in total square footage in its relation to the building. The proposed dimensions for these signs (13.6"x24") is allowable as per the façade district sign guidelines, Section 6.

Staff recommends approval as submitted.

Becki Howard, representing the property owner, presented the case. After a short discussion, Roger Stinson made a motion to approve the case. Ramon Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

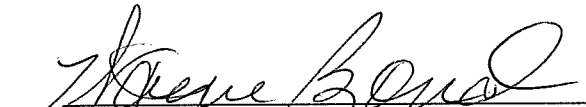
- John Teeples returned with new elevations for 1023 Broadway. Roger Stinson moved approval. Ramon Brown seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

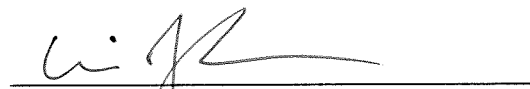
V. OLD BUSINESS:

- Will Barnes is still not ready to return. The case will remain in rotation (1040 Broadway).
- Case reviews moved to October 2020.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Monday, September 21, 2020 at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wayne Bond, Chairman


Will Johnson, Secretary