

Montgomery Planning and Zoning Commission
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 03/05/2024	Budgeted Amount: N/A
Department: Administration	Prepared By: DMc

Subject

Consideration and possible action on temporary windscreens around the front porch at 14335 Liberty Street located in the Historic Preservation District.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the windscreens with an allowable timeframe for them to be in place.

Discussion

The owner of the business has erected temporary windscreens around the front porch to aid in creating a more comfortable environment for patrons. Staff discussed the windscreens with the owner and the need for review by the P&Z Commission. Contingent on submitting information for the March P&Z meeting, staff gave the owner permission to leave the windscreens in place until action by P&Z.

These windscreens are not permanent and do not negatively affect any permanent structure. While temporary, they may arguably affect the appearance and cohesiveness of the historic district and are unquestionably an exterior element visible from a public right-of-way.

Generally, non-permanent elements have a low risk of materially altering the Historic Preservation District. The windscreens are functional in nature and have the potential to increase business activity by creating a more comfortable environment for patrons of the restaurant. Because of these reasons, staff recommends approval of the windscreens that includes months of the year they would be allowed to be in place (e.g., November – March, etc.). Staff recommends providing a wide enough timeframe to accommodate seasonal weather without creating an undue burden on the owner or staff.

The owner has provided the statement below regarding the purpose/intent of the windscreens. A photo has also been provided.

Approved By

Director of Planning &
Development

Dave McCorquodale

Date: 02/28/2024