



Summary of Actions
Mount Rainier Mixed-Use-Town Center Design Review Committee
September 8, 2021

APPROVED OCTOBER 13, 2021

The Mount Rainier Mixed-Use-Town Center (M-U-TC) Design Review Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 using GoToMeeting video conferencing software (Meeting I.D. 452-015-541). The meeting was hosted by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department's Community Planning Division.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cederoth called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chair Nathan Cederoth, Vice Chair Robin Bliss, Nathan Burch, Mario Cisneros, Anthony Lee

Committee Members Absent: Justin Bost, Elina Bravve

Committee Liaison Present: **M-NCPPC, Neighborhood Revitalization Section**
Daniel Sams, Planner Coordinator

Committee Liaison Absent: **Mount Rainier City Council**
Jarrett Stoltzfus, Ward 2

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Cederoth asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Dr. Burch moved to approve the agenda.

Second: Vice Chair Bliss seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 4-0.

Motion: Dr. Burtch moved to table Item C.1. until the applicant appeared.
Second: Mr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 4-0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of July 14, 2021 and August 11, 2021 Meeting Summaries

Motion: Dr. Burtch moved to approve the meeting summaries.
Second: Mr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 4-0

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. (2021-04) Brewtainer Salon, 3403 Perry Street—Install signage above far right door.

Mr. Lawrence Martin presented the application. He explained he would like to have the sign for his business over the street door, and that the “C. A. Mayo & Associates” sign had been there for years, and he was not sure he had the authority to remove it. He stated that customers had no way of knowing about his business without a street-level sign.

Committee: Chair Cederoth noted that the sign could remain as long as it was not altered, but there was no requirement in the development plan for its removal. He noted it exceeded by more than twice the allowable gross square footage of signage. Mr. Cisneros noted that trees block most of the building and the signage from view of cars and pedestrians. A discussion ensued about the best location for a new sign. Chair Cederoth reiterated that the maximum was already exceeded.

A discussion ensued and it was established that the Mayo sign met the definition of a sign in the Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant: Mr. Martin stated that Mrs. Mayo was currently handling aspects of the business, and that she continued to want to have the Mayo name on the building but may be willing to work with him.

Committee: Vice Chair Bliss asked if he had met with Mr. Ronald Hopkins, City of Mount Rainier Economic Development Director. Chair Cederoth wondered if the sign could somehow be altered to something along the lines of “Brewtainer at the Mayo Building,” but acknowledge that it would not solve the problem.

Mr. Lee arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Applicant: Mr. Martin stated that he had applied for a façade grant [with Mr. Hopkins], but that that had been some time ago.

A discussion of temporary signs ensued.

Committee: Vice Chair Bliss suggested a temporary A-frame or “sandwich board” sign on the sidewalk could provide the needed signage at street level. It was established that the development plan was silent on such sign types.

A discussion of other potential other approvable sign types and locations ensued, including pin-lettering and signage on the marquee, and signage lighting.

Committee: Chair Cederoth and Vice Chair Bliss summarized that the existing sign already exceeded the allowable signage area, that the applicant’s first step was to continue discussions with the property owner about removing or reducing the existing sign’s size; that a internally lighted sign would not meet the development plan standards, that pin lettering, backlit or not, would meet the standards and that a temporary A-frame or sandwich board sign could be used in the meantime.

Applicant: Mr. Martin agreed to withdraw the current application and continue discussions about signage with the building owner, M-NCPPC staff, and the committee.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A discussion of deferrals and application withdrawal ensued.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Dr. Burtch moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by Daniel Sams, M-NCPPC Staff Liaison