



Summary of Actions
Mount Rainier Mixed-Use-Town Center Design Review Committee
July 14, 2021

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

The Mount Rainier Mixed-Use-Town Center (M-U-TC) Design Review Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 using GoToMeeting video conferencing software (Meeting I.D. 890-936-933). 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 7:07 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chair Nathan Cederoth, Vice Chair Robin Bliss, Elina Bravve, Nathan Burtch

Committee Members Absent: Justin Bost, Mario Cisneros, Anthony Lee

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

M-NCPPC, Neighborhood Revitalization Section
Daniel Sams, Planner Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Cederoth asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Dr. Burtch moved to approve the agenda with the stipulation that Item D.1. (H.O.K. Bridal) be heard before Item C. 1. (Penske building mural).

Second: Ms. Bravve seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 4-0.

C. PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE

1. **House of Ketubah (HOK) Bridal, 3815 34th Street**—Tiffany Kelly, business owner, presented the pre-application for the installation of two signs, one proposed for the street door and one for between the upper story windows. She noted that she had hired an engineer to prepare the sign drawings. The second story sign would be mounted to the brick and the door sign to the door, which was a solid door.

Committee: Chair Cederoth remarked that she could install a blade sign if she liked. Dr. Burtch noted there appeared to be no standard for door-mounted signs. Vice Chair Bliss noted the Allstate building has a door-mounted sign and asked about the colors.

Applicant: Ms. Kelly confirmed the sign colors were copper, the lettering was black, and the foliate motif was green.

Committee: Chair Cederoth remarked that the application would seem to meet the applicable standards. Dr. Burtch noted that the MDO and plastic sign composition would meet the standard requiring durable materials. Vice Chair Bliss confirmed that the lettering was routed and commented that she thought that would look nice. Chair Cederoth stated his sense was that the actual application would be met with a recommendation for approval.

Staff: Mr. Sams told Ms. Kelly he would look forward to working with her on the application and would be in touch.

D. PUBLIC ART CONSULTATION

1. **Penske Building, 3210 Rhode Island Avenue**—Keiona Clark with the DMV League of Artists presented the proposed mural. She noted that the point of the piece was a “dive into Mount Rainer’s history” but modernizing it with a Metro car rather than a trolley. She noted that she was the artist as also a city resident, living on 41st Avenue.

Committee: Chair Cederoth noted that this meeting was advisory only and that he would like to see the mock-up tweaked to account for the building windows in the design with the trompe l’oeil train “coming out” at the viewer. Dr. Burtch said he appreciated the mock-up.

Applicant: Ms. Clark said the image could be shrunk, but that they had not planned to paint the windows. She noted that the DMV was signing the rights to the art to the Mount Rainier Business Association, so if they wanted to create merchandise with it, they could.

Committee: Chair Cederoth said the mural would improve this undistinguished element of downtown and thanked the owner Mr. Solomon but thought it would look better if the windows were painted. Ms. Bravve asked if there would be a public unveiling or ceremony. Dr. Burtch asked if they were working with the Mount Rainier Arts Commission (MRAC).

Applicant: Ms. Clark said she thought there would be some kind of event and that yes, they were working with MRAC.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of April 14, 2021 Meeting Summary

Motion: Vice Chair Bliss moved to approve the meeting summary.

Second: Ms. Bravve seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 4-0.

2. Approval of May 12, 2021 Meeting Summary

Motion: Dr. Burtch moved to approve the meeting summary as amended.

Second: Vice Chair Bliss seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 4-0.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Vice Chair Bliss introduced City Councilperson Jarrett Stoltzfus, Ward 2, who was the new committee liaison. She noted that Councilperson Stoltzfus had served on the M-U-TC Committee from 2011-2014. Mr. Sams stated he would be pleased to add him to the meeting announcements and other correspondence.

G. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: Vice Chair Bliss moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Dr. Burtch seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by Daniel Sams, M-NCPPC Staff Liaison