

MINUTES
January 7th, 2016

Members Present: Sheryl Forbis, Roy Mars, Wendy Dale, Johnny Crncic, Gwen Barlow, Lydia Lavelle

Members Absent: Emily Kreutzer, Lydia Lavelle

Staff Present: James Thomas- Planner/Zoning Development Specialist

Guest: Laura Van Sant

I. Continuation of Discussion of Hilton Garden Inn at 300 East Main Street

Laura Van Sant, partner in development of the property was present at the meeting and showed members of the Appearance Commission revised drawings of the hotel including the interior layout broken up into floors. She explained the changes that the architect made to the hotel per the request of the Appearance Commission.

Roy Mars stated that he appreciated that the architect added more brick per the request of the AC at their December meeting, but stated that the building should be all brick and lose the postmodern look. Additionally, he questioned why there were still multiply materials being used on the exterior of the building.

Gwen Barlow stated that the proposed hotel looked like any hotel off of Highway 15/501 and does not look as urban as downtown Carrboro. She stated that the roofline to too “shopping centerish” and to make it a flat roof- in essence, simplify the roofline to be flat.

Sheryl Forbis questioned what the Appearance Commission wanted- all new buildings similar to Carr Mill Mall? Gwen Barlow stated that the proposed hotel should either reflect Carr Mill Mall with the use of only brick or have a hotel that is 180 degrees different- in other words, a unique building such as DPAC that does not fit any of the architecture of Carrboro.

Gwen questioned the varied use of materials on the existing hotel and Laura explained that the tan on the 1st floor was trying to make it inviting versus just having a 5 story hotel all the same color.

Roy Mars restated that use of all brick, but was not opposed to the use of white brick on the 1st floor- he stated that this white brick framed the red brick.

With no further discussion, the Appearance Commission had the following recommendations to the Board of Aldermen:

1. The whole building should be red brick (similar to Carr Mill Mall brick).

2. Stairwells on end of building- make them brick and include either windows or recessed brick to simulate windows.
3. Roof- make the parapets level or delete them altogether.
4. The Appearance Commission appreciates the landscaping around the outdoor pool and simplifying the windows.
5. If the Board of Aldermen decides to accept the recommendations of the Appearance Commission, the architect should integrate the changes into the drawings and allow the Appearance Commission to review the drawings prior to final approval by the Board of Aldermen.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WENDY DALE AND SECONDED BY GWEN BARLOW FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HILTON GARDEN INN AT 300 EAST MAIN STREET.

VOTE: AYES (FORBIS, DALE, MARS, CRNCIC, BARLOW), NOES (0)

II. Review of Minutes from December 3rd, 2015 meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 3RD, 2015 MINUTES BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY JOHNNY CRNCIC AND SECONDED BY SHERYL FORBIS.

VOTE: AYES (FORBIS, DALE, MARS, CRNCIC, BARLOW), NOES (0)

Adjourn

