

MINUTES OF THE
GATLINBURG ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
JULY 13, 2023
THURSDAY, 1:30 P.M., CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Tierney
Jared Durrett
Ken Webster
Maggie Bowers
Randy Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brad Justice
Scott Holman

OTHERS PRESENT

Gabrielle Taylor
Clay England

Staff Representative: Dalton York, Assistant City Planner
Jodi Bible, Executive Secretary

Chairman Ken Webster called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Jared Durrett made a motion to approve the previous minutes from the June 25, 2023, meeting. Mrs. Maggie Bowers provided a second with all members voting “aye.”

Staff Report

Petitions and Communications from the Public

Old Business

New Business

Review and consideration of proposed signage for “Bears Cove at the Glades,” located at 725 Glades Road, requested by Perry Smith Development.

Staff presented the request for proposed signage for the entrance of the “Bears Cove at the Glades,” cabin development located at 725 Glades Road. The entrance sign is over 10.5 feet tall with a copper roof and a brick base. The sign structure is 4”x 4” with the matching copper being used to set the entrance sign to the development. The sign background will be painted urbane bronze with white, raised lettering, to create dimension. The sign will also be two-sided and made from exterior grade products. The Board did inquire about any lighting that would be used for the proposed sign, but there was not anyone present to discuss the proposed signage.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Jared Durrett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Maggie Bowers provided a second with all members voting, “aye.”

Aesthetic review and consideration for an arbor addition for “Howard’s Steakhouse,” located at 976 Parkway, requested by Clay England.

Staff presented the aesthetic review for an arbor addition for “Howard’s Steakhouse,” located at 976 Parkway. The proposed pergola protects patrons from the sun and the elements. The pergola will be located on the back patio of the restaurant. The pergola is automatic and moves with the direction of the sun’s location. The colors being used are powder coated Corten and the screen color will be black.

Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Maggie Bowers made a motion to approve the sign as presented. Mr. Randy Watson provided a second with all members voting, "aye."

Aesthetic review and consideration for "Gatlinburg Skylift Park," located at 765 Parkway, requested by SmithGroup.

Staff presented the request for an aesthetic approval for "Gatlinburg Skylift Park," located at 765 Parkway. The aesthetic approval is for a food pavilion, restrooms additions and scenic seating area to the Ridge 1 development. The burger hut and restrooms mirror the same exterior aesthetic design. The buildings are beige and tan in color with black accents and roofing to create contrast and mirrors the same design that is being used on other structures throughout the Ridge 1 development.

Following a brief discussion, Mrs. Maggie Bowers made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Kevin Tierney provided a second with all members voting, "aye." Mr. Randy Watson excused himself from the vote.

Review and consideration of proposed signages for "Shamrock Rooftop Saloon," located at 105 Reagan Drive, requested by the Sign Shop.

Staff presented the request for two proposed signs, one being a mall sign for "Shamrock Mall", and the other for "Shamrock Rooftop Saloon." During the presentation, the applicant, Gabriel Taylor, decided to remove the second sign that was proposed, the wall sign for "Shamrock Rooftop Saloon," since the location of the proposed sign does not adhere to the Sign Regulations. The mall sign proposed is 12'x 13, the colors are different from the original sign that was proposed in May 2022. The colors are now brown, gold, and white. White being part of the marquee board and brown and gold being used throughout the structure.

The Board did ask Staff to research and confirm about height of sign placement. A lot of new commercial businesses downtown are adding rooftop bars, lounges, and eateries. The Board wants to make sure the city is clear and concise in their approach to regulating sign height locations.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Randy Watson made a motion to approve the mall sign presented. Mr. Jared Durrett provided a second with all members voting, "aye."

Unscheduled Items

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. following a motion made by Mr. Randy Watson and a second provided by Mr. Kevin Tierney.