



MINUTES OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
OF THE PONTE VEDRA OVERLAY DISTRICT

Regular Hearing

Wednesday January 24, 2024

Ponte Vedra Library, FOL Room

Members present: Thomas Baker (Co-Chair), Glenn Hettinger, Dave Christine, Alison McCallum.

Members absent: Sean Mulhall

Staff present: Brandon Tirado, Planner.

Baker called meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM.

Baker took Roll Call and Staff proceeded to read the Public Notice Statement.

No general Public Comment.

Agenda Item #2: ARC 2023-15 Boathouse Restaurant- Front Canopy

Baker opened item #2, ARC 2023-15. Applicant Robert O'Brien initially presented this item, explaining the purpose/location of the proposed awning. The Applicant provided a packet that contained a sample of the proposed awning material and color. The Board had some follow-up discussion regarding the history of the site, how the awning would react in high wind situations, and the nature of the installation/what is being replaced (what would be involved with the Landscaping, Fencing, Architecture, Pavers, etc.). Once the Committee finished their questions, Baker opened the floor for open comments, where a citizen from the neighboring shop asked a question related to maximum occupancy and parking related to the new restaurant. Staff answered the question and offered to speak with the neighboring shop owner offline for more information. As a result of all of the Committee's questions, they felt that the applicant had not provided enough information to make a fully informed decision and requested the applicant return to the next available hearing with updated materials.

Hettinger: Motion to continue ARC 2023-15 to the next meeting, with the conditions that the applicant bring their complete design package to PVARC, for consideration. Second by McCallum. **Motion pass 4-0.**

Agenda Item #3: ARC 2023-17 The Boathouse (Sign)

Baker opened item #3, ARC 2023-17. Applicant Chaz Knight presented the item, proposing The Boathouse signage. The applicant provided a package with sign details explained within and described his client's intent with moving forward with black channel lettering as opposed to the traditional white lettering more commonly seen in the plaza. Committee member McCallum inquired about the way that Staff assess the 24 square foot signage limit and it was determined that the proposed sign was exceeding the general shape that the County assesses sign square footage. Additional Committee discussion were regarding the color of surrounding wall signs in the plaza. Options on how to reduce the square footage were assessed and the applicant came to an agreement on removing a portion of the proposed signage to make the 24 square foot requirement be met.

McCallum: Motion to allow for Administrative Approval of ARC 2023-17, with the conditions that the signage be changed to white lettering with black returns, the bottom portion of the sign can utilize black lettering as long as it is 15% of the total signage, and the sign be reduced to fit within the 24 square feet. Second by Baker. **Motion pass 4-0.**

Agenda Item #1: ARCCC 2023-04 Public Storage

Baker opened item #1, ARCCC 2023-04. The applicant was not present at the time of the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Committee member briefly spoke about the project updates, how it appears to comply with the overlay, and but expressed some concerns regarding landscaping. The applicant was made available via phone and answered questions regarding the landscaping surrounding the monument sign and was provided the landscaping options, raising the cabinet one foot and having the standard landscaping or reducing landscaping and allowing the existing cabinet to remain with one-foot landscaping.

Christine: Motion to accept the color change and allow for Administrative Approval of ARC 2023-04, with the conditions that the signage be duranodic bronze and the landscaping be one foot tall utilizing the existing cabinet base or 2-foot-tall landscaping and the cabinet base be increased by one foot. Second by McCallum. **Motion pass 4-0.**

Approved: 3/27/2024

Before adjourning, a member of the public raised a concern about a red canopy located at the Ponte Vedra Cabana Club Restaurant and that canopy not being approved. The Committee offered to add this concern as a discussion item on the next agenda once everyone had a chance to drive by and look at the canopy in question.

Minutes

Motion by Christine to approve the November 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by McCallum. **Motion pass 4-0.**

Motion to adjourn by Hettinger, second by Christine. | Meeting adjourned approximately 6:15 pm.