

City of Alamo Heights
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
September 24, 2024

The Architectural Review Board held a special meeting at the Council Chambers of the City of Alamo Heights, located at 6116 Broadway St, San Antonio, Texas, and via Zoom with teleconference on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Members present and composing a quorum of the Board:

John Gaines, Chairman
Ashley Armes
Larry Gottsman
Adam Kiehne
Lyndsay Thorn

Members absent:

Grant McFarland
Phil Solomon
Clay Hagendorf, Alternate
Mac White, Alternate

Staff members present:

Phil Laney, Assistant City Manager
Lety Hernandez, Director of Community Development Services

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gaines at 5:34 p.m.

Mr. Kiehne made a motion to approve the August 20, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Gottsman seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following vote:

FOR: Gaines, Armes, Gottsman, Kiehne, Thorn
AGAINST: None

Mr. Gottsman moved to reorder the agenda items to allow the board to consider cases in the following order: #946F – 221 Chichester Pl, #948S/947F – 6900 Broadway St, #951S – 4821 Broadway St. Mr. Thorn seconded the case.

The motion was approved with the following vote:

FOR: Gaines, Armes, Gottsman, Kiehne, Thorn
AGAINST: None

Case No. 946F

Request of Nic Abbey Homes, applicant, representing Richard and Anne Cantalini, owners for the compatibility review of the proposed design located at 221 Chester St in order to construct a new two-story single-family residence with attached garage under Demolition Review Ordinance No. 1860 (April 12, 2010).

Ms. Hernandez presented the case. Joseph Valdez, designer, was present and addressed the board.

An open discussion followed regarding the design and suggestion from the board to modify one of the second story windows.

Chairman Gaines opened the public hearing at 5:42p.m. No one requested to speak regarding the case so the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Gottsman moved to recommend approval of the proposed design as compatible with consideration to revise the 2nd story window and closet area based on Mr. Thorn's comments. Ms. Armes seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following vote:
FOR: Gaines, Armes, Gottsman, Kiehne, Thorn
AGAINST: None

Case No. 948S / Case No. 947F

Request of Eric Baumgartner of LPA Design Studios, applicant, for permanent signage at 6900 Broadway St. (Alamo Heights High School)

Request of Eric Baumgartner of LPA Design Studios, applicant, representing the Alamo Heights Independent School District, owner, for the final review of the proposed academic building located at 6900 Broadway St in order to construct a three-story commercial building under Chapter 2 Administration.

Ms. Hernandez presented both cases together. Eric Baumgartner, applicant, was present and addressed the board.

An open discussion was held to explore the rationale behind the design and functionality of the new building. The conversation also touched on the placement of the signage and whether it would feature backlighting.

Chairman Gaines opened the public hearing at 5:52p.m. No one requested to speak regarding the case so the public hearing was closed.

Regarding case #948S, Mr. Gottsman moved to recommend approval of proposed signage presented. Ms. Armes seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following vote:
FOR: Gaines, Armes, Gottsman, Kiehne, Thorn
AGAINST: None

Regarding case #947F, Mr. Gottsman moved to recommend approval of the proposed design. Mr. Kiehne seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following vote:
FOR: Gaines, Armes, Gottsman, Kiehne, Thorn
AGAINST: None

Due to interest in the following case, Mr. Gottsman left quorum at 5:59pm.

Case No. 951S

Request of Aetna Sign Group, applicant, for permanent signage at 4821 Broadway St. (HEB Central Market)

Ms. Hernandez presented the case. Larry Gottsman of Aetna Sign Group was present and addressed the board.

Mr. Gottsman clarified regarding the proposed and spoke regarding the directional signage and its importance. Open discussion followed.

Mr. Thorn moved to approve the proposed signage as presented. Mr. Kiehne seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following vote:

FOR: Gaines, Armes, Kiehne, Thorn

AGAINST: None

Mr. Gottsman rejoined quorum at 6:05pm.

There being no further business, Mr. Gottsman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Thorn seconded the motion followed by unanimous consent from the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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John Gaines, Chairman
(Board Approval)

10/15/24
Date Signed & Filed



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