

MINUTES
Historic Downtown Advisory Board
Special Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020

The Historic Downtown Advisory Board of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas, met Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6:00 pm via teleconference using Zoom and in the Administration Conference Room of the Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., Cedar Hill, Texas.

The following members were present: Al Armistead, Randy Moon, Kenna Prior, Chelsey Randel, Hannah Tyler, Christopher Haley. The following City staff members were present: Russell Read, Director of Customer and Visitor Experience, Michelle Hernandez, Destination Marketing Manager, Christy Harris, CVE Coordinator. The following members were absent: Albert Mack, Matthew Chapel and Norman Patten.

I. Call Meeting to Order at 6:06 PM

Chairman Hannah Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm, declaring it an open meeting with notice of the meeting duly posted and a quorum present.

II. Discuss and provide feedback on a proposed restaurant located in “OT-Res” (Old Town Residential) at 207 Wilson Street (formerly Eclair’s) Applicant: Ole Pozole Representative: Braxton Werner, Wernerfield Architecture Property Owner: VA Capital LLC & Victor E. Ballas LLC.

Architect for the project, Braxton Werner, presented plans that have been submitted to the Planning Department to use the existing Eclair’s restaurant at 207 Wilson Street with additions to accommodate the new concept. Features include doubling the space usage, outdoor patio and community space with a concentration to use as many existing trees as possible. Owners of the restaurant are cognizant of the impact to local neighbors and are ensuring they have measures in place to minimize any disruption while designing indoor and outdoor space that invites community to enjoy the location. Al Armistead submitted affidavit against CUP-262-2020 and its potential conflict within the residential community.

Planning Department is reviewing the current CUP application required for the additional floor area and patio for the restaurant. In addition to the CUP, the location will add an alcohol variance request to be included with the CUP due to the proximity to the nearby church. Planning explained the process of the CUP. Next steps are a formal presentation to the Historic Downtown Advisory Board on June 22nd, the Planning and Zoning Committee on July 7th and finally City Council on July 14th. Planning is requiring the restaurant to conduct community outreach to acquire community support for the project.

Board members made various comments regarding this project to show support but make aware past issues residents have seen in the area. Overall, board members are pleased with the concept and looking forward to this type of establishment in Historic Downtown.

III. Adjourn: 6:42 Pm

ATTEST:

Christy Harris
CVE Coordinator

Hannah Tyler
Historic Downtown Board Chair