

MINUTES
October 1st, 2015

Members Present: Sheryl Forbis, Roy Mars, Emily Kreutzer, Wendy Dale Lydia Lavelle

Members Absent: Johnny Crncic

Staff Present: James Thomas- Planner/Zoning Development Specialist

Guest: Laura Van Sant

I. Review of Glazing Requirement for New Hilton Hotel at 300 East Main Street

Laura Van Sant, representative of 300 East Main Street was present to request the Appearance Commission grant relief from the glazing requirements per Section 15-178 Architectural Standards for Downtown Development. Laura stated that the ground floor would provide 42.7 percent glazing while the Land Use Ordinance requires a minimum of 60 percent. The overall glazing for the front of the building would be 36.9 percent and the LUO requires a minimum of 40 percent.

Lydia asked about the glazing on the rear of the building as it would face the bike path and Laura stated that the glazing would be substantial due to the windows of each room, but did not have percentage figure.

The Appearance Commission was in favor of granting relief due to the location of the building in relation to Main Street.

MOTION WAS TO GRANT RELIEF FROM THE GLAZING REQUIREMENTS PER SECTION 15-178 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE BY SHERYL FORBIS AND SECONDED BY EIMILY KREUTZER.

VOTE: AYES (KREUTZER, FORBIS, DALE, MARS), NOES (0)

II. Other Related Business

The Appearance Commission did not have any comments in regard to the Joint Review Items. There was a short discussion about the architecture of the new hotel and Roy Mars stated that it looked very corporate and not very inviting- he stated that a project such as Green Bridge in Chapel Hill will age much better over time versus the new proposed hotel.

Adjourn

