



**Summary of Actions**  
**Mount Rainier Mixed-Use-Town Center Design Review Committee**  
January 12, 2022

**APPROVED FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

The Mount Rainier Mixed-Use-Town Center (M-U-TC) Design Review Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 using GoToMeeting video conferencing software (Meeting I.D. 550-548-077). The meeting was hosted by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department's Community Planning Division.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cederoth called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Nathan Cederoth, Vice Chair Robin Bliss, Elina Bravve, Nathan Burtch, Mario Cisneros

**Committee Members Absent:** Justin Bost

**Committee Liaisons Present:** **M-NCPPC, Community Planning Division**  
Daniel Sams, Planner III

**Mount Rainier City Council**  
Jarrett Stoltzfus, Ward 2

**Others Present:** **City of Mount Rainier**  
Ronald Hopkins, Director of Economic Development

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Cederoth asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion:** Mr. Lee moved to approve the agenda.

**Second:** Dr. Burtch seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 5-0.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Brewtainer Salon, 3403B Perry Street—Install sign.**

**Committee:** Chair Cederoth summarized that since the sign at the top of the building was no longer present, the development standards now permitted additional signage, and that the issues before the committee tonight were to determine if the proposed sign obscured a building feature, and if it met the definition of a flat sign for installation purposes. Vice Chair Bliss suggested the applicant apply for funding for façade renovations and reminded those present that at a previous meeting [September 8, 2021] the committee had mentioned the possibility of a blade sign or signage at the building top once the other sign was removed. Chair Cederoth confirmed the intention of the proposal was to mount or “float” the sign over the glass-block transom. Vice Chair Bliss asked about the installation method, stating a concern that if mounting into the mortar points, the location of the mounting hardware would fall too close into the lettering and might look odd. She clarified that most pin mounted signs have the mounting points that fall within an inch or two of each edge of the sign.

**Staff:** Mr. Sams confirmed the staff recommendation was that the pin-mount installation hardware use the mortar joints so as not to damage the concrete block.

**Committee:** Vice Chair Bliss suggested the sign could be hung from the ceiling of marquee in order to reduce the problem of mounting areas. This would reduce the number of holes in both the sign and the building and would solve the problem of the odd mounting spots if mounted into the mortar joints.

*A discussion ensued about various sign installation methods.*

**Committee:** Dr. Burtch suggested the development standards did not permit hanging signs from ceilings.

*Elina Bravve arrived at 7:21 p.m.*

**Staff:** Mr. Sams suggested that by virtue of the pin-mounting and transparency the sign could be said not to obscure the transom *per se*.

**Committee:** Chair Cederoth and Dr. Burtch agreed. Chair Cederoth stated that the proposed sign was also not technically a flat sign so the standard requiring flush installation may not apply. He asked for a motion to recommend approval with conditions.

**Motion:** Dr. Burtch moved to recommend approval of the application as submitted with the condition that any masonry fasteners go into mortar joints, not glass or concrete block. Alternatively, the sign may be mounted to the wooden jamb of the transom.

**Second:** Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 5-0-1 (Vice Chair Bliss abstaining).

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approval of December 8, 2021 Meeting Summary**

**Motion:** Vice Chair Bliss moved to approve the meeting summary.

**Second:** Dr. Burtch seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 5-0-1 (Mr. Cisneros abstaining).

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Chair Cederoth reminded the committee the new Zoning Ordinance would go into effect April 1, 2022, but there would be minimal changes to the M-U-TC Zone or committee.

Mr. Hopkins announced the RFP for the façade improvement project would be released on Friday.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Dr. Burtch moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Mr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion passed in a vote of 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by Daniel Sams, M-NCPPC Staff Liaison