

**LAWRENCE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION  
AGENDA MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2015 6:30 PM  
ACTION SUMMARY – ITEM 6 ONLY**

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Commissioners present: Bailey, Buchanan-Young, Foster, Fry, Hernly  
Staff present: Cargill, Simmons, Zollner

**ITEM NO. 6:** DR-15-00466 1012 Massachusetts Street; Sidewalk Dining Railing; Downtown Design Guidelines Review. The property is located in the Downtown Urban Conservation Overlay District. Submitted by Vic Allred for Christie Brothers LLC, the property owner of record.

**STAFF PRESENTATION**

Ms. Zollner presented the item.

*The applicant was not present for questioning.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Dennis Brown, LPA, said he joined LPA around the same time sidewalk dining applications began. He explained that within a few years, every eating establishment needed one. He warned commissioners of the danger of precedence. He said the current enclosures are small and of similar heights and attachments, but this proposal is a different animal and it will set a precedent.

Ms. Lindsay Crick, LPA, added that the arch is strongly inconsistent with Massachusetts Street in general, and agrees with staff's findings.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Bailey agrees with the concern of precedence, and doesn't feel that changing code standards to fit this project would be appropriate.

Commissioner Hernly asked if the design element would be out of character with downtown if the arch was flush with the façade. He agreed that the proposed placement of the arch is not a good idea.

Commissioner Foster said it's a pretty contemporary building and he can't see how the arch might attach. He agreed that approval of the project would be a slippery slope. He said the sign for the property is unusually large but was allowed based on the tall architecture of the building.

Commissioner Buchanan-Young feels the railing meets their intent to resemble the French Quarter, but feels they should undoubtedly avoid things that change the character of Downtown.

Ms. Zollner suggested they could defer the item since the applicant isn't present to answer questions.

Commissioner Foster said they have a communication from the applicant which outlines their thoughts regarding staff denial of the application.

Commissioner Bailey asked if the applicant intended to be present and wasn't able to make it.

Ms. Zollner said she has had no communication with the applicant since staff sent the letter of denial and received the appeal.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Commissioner Buchanan-Young, seconded by Commissioner Fry, to deny the project based on recommendations in the staff report.

Unanimously approved 5-0.