

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 2011  
Beginning at 2:40 p.m.

**PRESENT OF THE COMMISSION:** Chairwoman Wrenna Watson,  
Reidbord, Thomas, Myers, Valentine

**PRESENT OF THE STAFF:** Ismail, Tymoczko, Hanna, Rakus

**AGENDA ITEMS COVERED IN THESE MINUTES**

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7. PDP #11-78, 445 Wood Street, exterior renovations	
8. PDP #11-79, 435 Market Street, exterior renovations	
9. PDP #12-02, 444 Liberty Avenue, exterior renovations	

Ms. Watson chaired today's meeting and called the meeting to order. Mr. Valentine volunteered to be Acting Secretary today in Mr. Burkley's absence.

**A. ACTION ON THE MINUTES**

On a motion duly moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Reidbord the minutes of the December 13, 2011 Planning Commission meeting were approved.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Watson stated that the Commission was in receipt of no correspondence pertaining to this meeting.







**D. DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS** (See **Attachment B** for staff reports.)

- 5.. For Hearing and Action: Project Development Plan #11-76, 254 Fifth Avenue, Kashi Jewelers, exterior renovations, GT-A

Ms. Rakus made a presentation in accord with the attached staff report for the combined Project Development Plans numbers 11-76, 11-77, and 11-78 for the following properties: 254 Fifth Avenue, 256 Fifth Avenue, and 445 Wood Street. Ms. Rakus said the above applications are adjacent to each other and all have the same owner and architect. These projects are before the Commission because they have applications for exterior renovations that exceed \$50,000.

The projects have been reviewed by staff design review and received mostly positive feedback with only a couple of issues that have been corrected, one was concerning television screens in the facade and that is now not part of the application and the other concern was with proposed signage and that is now not part of this application as they will need a Zoning Board Hearing for their proposed sign. Ms. Rakus introduced the architect, Ellis Schmidlapp, of LDA Architects.

Ellis Schmidlapp, LDA Architects, presented a Power Point presentation of the project showing before and after images and detailing the proposed materials for the project and the different facades. They also plan to install up lighting on the building as part of the facade renovation.

There being no comments from the public, the Chairwoman opened the comments and questions to the Commission members.

Mr. Valentine stated that he liked the lighting. Ms. Watson said there is already a sign at that location and Mr. Schmidlapp said there is a sign there now but they would like to replace it. Ms. Rakus advised that they have a different sign in mind, right now the sign is against the wall and they plan on moving it out onto the canopy and the Zoning Code doesn't permit that.

Ms. Rakus recommended approval of the proposals.

There being no more questions or comments from the Commission, the Chairwoman called for the motions on Project Development Plans #11-76, 11-77, and 11-78.

**MOTION:** That the Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh approves Project Development Plan #11-76 for the exterior renovation of the existing structure, located at 254 Fifth Avenue, and based on the application and drawings filed by LDA Architects on behalf of Kashi Jewelers, property owner, with the following condition:

Final Construction Plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Administrator prior to issuance of a building permit.







D. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – none for this meeting

E. **ADJOURNMENT:** 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY: John Valentine  
ACTING SECRETARY

Attachments

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