



CITY OF FOREST PARK
URBAN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM
Council Chambers

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PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
785 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

MINUTES

Rodney Givens, Chairman
Ron Dodson, Vice Chairman
Yahya Hassan, Member
Karyl Clayton, Member
Yoni Cortez, Member

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Rodney Givens called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was established.

PRESENT:

Rodney Givens; Ron Dodson; Yahya Hassan; Karyl Clayton; Yoni Cortez

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicole Dozier, Director of Planning & Community Development; SaVaughn Irons-Kumassah, Principal Planner; Latonya Turner, Board Secretary and Department of Planning & Community Development Office Coordinator

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of January 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Ron Dodson motioned to approve the January 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes as printed. Yahya Hassan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (All Speakers will have 3 Minutes)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Applicant Mashara Williams (Clayton County Public Schools) is requesting approval for the conceptual design for a new combined, renovated and expanded elementary school in the

Single-Family Residential District (RS) at 5215 West St., Parcel# 13078B A004, 13078B A004A, 13078A E001, Ward 4.

Background/History:

The applicant is requesting approval to move forward with the conceptual design provided to the city of Forest Park for a new combined, renovated and expanded elementary school in the Single-Family Residential District (RS). The existing elementary school was originally land donated by William Alfred Fountain in 1952, established as a school under the direction of the Clayton County School Board for the education of colored children in 1953, and later became a beacon of hope and resilience in the community. The proposed project will partially demolish and expand the existing W.A. Fountain Elementary School as well as combine with the existing Unidos Language School. The new school façade includes Gable Standing Seam Metal Roof and Flat Cast Stone Roof with exterior siding of Cast Stone and Red Brick: Face Running Bond, Inset Stack Bond, and Stack Bond Solider Courses on all sides (front, left, right, and rear). The applicant stated that new renovations and expansions will preserve the original architecture and the historical significance of the school within the community. The vision is to create a more modern, inclusive, and nurturing learning environment for students, staff, and the community.

Karyl Clayton motioned to approve conceptual design for 5215 West St., Parcel# 13078B A004, 13078B A004A, 13078A E001, Ward 4. Yoni Cortez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Yoni Cortez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm. Yahya Hassan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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