

CITY OF GERMANTOWN  
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Paul Bruns called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Sarah Goralewski called the roll and established a quorum.

Members Present: Chairman Paul Bruns; Christopher Schmidt; Robert Sloan; Heather Lewis; Brian Carney; Brian White; Laura Meanwell; and Alderman Sherrie Hicks.

Members Absent: David Nischwitz

Staff Present: Cameron Ross, Economic and Community Development Director; Sarah Goralewski, Planning Division Manager; and Robert McLean, Assistant City Attorney.

3. Election of Officers

Chairman Bruns called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Brian Carney nominated Christopher Schmidt, seconded by Brian White.

Chairman Bruns asked for additional nominations. Seeing none, he closed the floor for nominations and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL:

White – Yes  
Hicks – Yes  
Carney – Yes  
Lewis – Yes  
Sloan – Yes  
Bruns – Yes  
Meanwell - Yes

**MOTION PASSED 7-0-0**

Chairman Burns announced that Christopher Schmidt is the new Vice Chairman.

Chairman Bruns called for nominations for Secretary.

Brian White nominated Robert Sloan, seconded by Brian Carney.

Chairman Bruns asked for additional nominations. Seeing none, he closed the floor for nominations and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL:

Hicks – Yes  
Carney – Yes  
Lewis – Yes  
White – Yes  
Schmidt – Yes  
Bruns – Yes

Meanwell - Yes

**MOTION PASSED 7-0-0**

Chairman Burns announced that Robert Sloan is the new Secretary.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Vice Chairman Christopher Schmidt moved to approve the Design Review Commission minutes of November 15, 2022, seconded by Robert Sloan.

**ROLL CALL:**

White – Yes

Schmidt – Yes

Lewis – Yes

Hicks– Yes

Sloan – Yes

Carney – Yes

Bruns – Yes

Meanwell – Yes

**MOTION PASSED 8-0-0**

During the executive session agenda items No. 6A, 6B, and 6C on the regular agenda were moved to the consent agenda becoming items 5A, 5B, and 5C.

5. Consent Agenda\*

A. Case Number & Project Name: (23-003) Heartland Dental (dba Great Southern Smiles)

Location: 9407 Poplar Ave.

Property Owner: FDS Holdings, LLC – Charles Dunstan, Manager

Applicant: Balton Sign Co. – Bruce Littman

Request: Approval of Ground-Mounted Sign

B. Case Number & Project Name: (23-005) TCBY

Location: 1680 South Germantown Rd. (Thornwood), Ste. 113

Property Owner: Thornwood Mixed Use Partners – Spence Ray, Partner

Tenant: TCBY – Clayton Swindle, President

Applicant: Balton Sign Co. – Bruce Littman

Request: Approval of Two Wall Signs

C. Case Number & Project Name: (22-031) The Garden District Apartments (formerly Westminster Townhouses)

Location: 6755 Poplar Ave.

Property Owner: Germantown Equity Fund, LLC

Applicant: Forge Partners – Tim Williams, Principal

Request: Approval of a Sign Package

Option 1 for the ground-mounted signs was chosen.

D. Case Number & Project Name: (22-031) The Garden District Apartments (formerly Westminster Townhouses)

Location:	6755 Poplar Ave.
Property Owner:	Germantown Equity Fund, LLC
Applicant:	Forge Partners – Tim Williams, Principal
Request:	Approval of Building Modification (Painting), Revised Lighting Plan and Revised Landscape Plan

\* Refer to complete applications, staff reports and attachments on file.

Secretary Robert Sloan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice Chairman Christopher Schmidt.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hicks – Yes

Lewis – Yes

Sloan – Yes

Carney – Yes

White – Yes

Schmidt – Yes

Bruns – Yes (recused from 5A)

Meanwell - Yes

**MOTION PASSED 8-0-0, except Item 5A. 7-0-0**

6. Commission Liaison Reports:

Alderman Hicks reported on the recent BMA meeting. Chairman Bruns confirmed liaison assignments. Vice Chairman Schmidt gave a report on the Public Arts Commission.

7. Old Business:

Chairman Bruns asked if there was any old business and there was none.

8. New Business:

Chairman Bruns asked if there was any new business and there was none.

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, comments, or questions by the Commission, Chairman Bruns announced the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.