For September 12, 2022

Mrs. Leah Michalak
Savannah Historic District Board of Review
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Savannah, GA 31412

Re: Miscellaneous Revisions to previously approved COA -63 MLK Blvd., \# 2-0016 -17-006
Dear Leah:

We are requesting approval of minor revisions for New Construction, 63 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. We feel the revisions are an improvement to the overall aesthetic and minor in overall scope. Both Part 1 and Part 2 review items are modified slightly. As per the previous approval, the building is within the boundaries of the National Historic Landmark District/Savannah Historic Overlay District. The overall footprint of the project does not change. The project will have the same $+/-29,992$ square feet and is within a 5-story height zone. The total height of the main body of the building is $+/-76^{\prime}-0+$ front parapet. The building will be in a contemporary Art Deco style. The building is at the west axis of Broughton at MLK and is unique in its site location. This project has been continued from 2017 and falls under the requirements of the previous Ordinance. As you are aware, the project received the Part 1 approval on October 9, 2019, and Part 2 approval on May 13, 2020. The project is currently in the site permit process and a site demolition permit has been approved by the city in fall of 2021 (Site Permit Approved 21-08039-SITE). A Site Pre-Construction meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2022. We respectfully request the Board's approval for the minor exterior revisions.

Revisions as follows:
Part 1- Height and Mass modifications: We have had room size change that has affected the interior layout of only the south façade, interior courtyard areas of the exterior façade. The height does not change and window spacing does not change. We understand the project still meets all the requirements of Part 1. As follows:
1.) All windows and overall glazing minimums have increased on all floors; metal panels between floors reduced.
2.) All PTAC units have been eliminated from the project. The metal panel wall between floors is therefore reduced to eliminate this screening detail. No more PTAC screens on the project.
3.) Minor massing changes as rooms on upper levels have changed therefore slightly changing massing on floors 2-6, south elevation only. Also, minor rooftop massing reductions.
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4.) The previously approved curtain wall on the south façade has been eliminated; solid brick replaces this wall detail. Window placement is primarily the same on all facades and meets the required criteria.
5.) Due to existing site conditions, the west conditions of the site slope is shown with a $+/-5^{\prime}-0$ drop to the west, Ann Street. This drop increases the area of natural stone base. Any site conditions regarding ramping will be handled by the site permitting process. If handrails are needed then a selection will be made from city approved standards and will be brought back to you for approval if necessary.
6.) Public functions on the ground level are the same, just reworked slightly to branding standards. All exterior doors are in previously approved locations and all open into rooms/public areas as per previously approved, per the intent of the Ordinance.

Part 2- Design Details
All exterior finishes to remain the same, with the following exceptions:
7.) We have removed all metal mesh/screening for the eliminated PTAC units.
8.) We would like to revise the natural stone finish to a similar product/system. The overall appearance and quality of the stone is the same. It is my understanding the revised product has been approved by the Board for other similar projects within the district and meets the intent of the ordinance. Please see finishes and literature on revised product.

We feel the project has improved overall with the increased glazing and elimination of the thruwindow air conditioning units, among other revisions. We look forward to your recommendation in this phase of the approval process so that we may revise/complete Construction Documents for final permitting. Please let me know if you need anything further or if additional information is required. We hope the Board and Staff agrees with the proposed revisions. Thank you for your help as always.


Keith Howington
Cc: Owner, AJF
Attached:

- Application
- Checklist
- Electronic Drawings and renderings
- Written














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