Zoning Text Amendment - DRC Appts.

Asheville City Council

January 25, 2022

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Background

- Ordinance No. 4855 was adopted in February 2021 - establishing new development standards and review processes for hotels.
- Included in Ord. No. 4855 was the establishment of a formal Design Review Committee.
- Staff provided a 6-month report in September 2021 which included a recommendation to change the committee appointment structure.
- Council directed staff to return with a zoning text amendment addressing those clarifications.

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Summary of Change

1) Change the number of appointments from the DTC and AARRC from four members to three members each, and

2) Council will appoint the remaining three members at large.

This requires an amendment to Ch. 7 (UDO) but also to Ch. 2.

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Code mark-up

UDO Sec. 7-3-11(b):

(3) The Asheville City Council shall appoint ~~eight~~ nine members to the Asheville Design Review Committee with ~~four~~ three members selected from the Downtown Commission, ~~and four~~ three members selected from the Asheville Area Riverfront Redevelopment Commission, and three members selected at large, in accordance with the Council's rules of procedure. Vacancies shall be filled as they occur by the Asheville City Council.

~~(4) The ninth member of the committee shall be selected by a majority vote of the seated members of the Asheville Design Review Committee.~~

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Review by others

- **This amendment was shared with:**
  - **Downtown Commission (DTC)**
  - **Asheville Area Riverfront Redevelopment Commission (AARRC)**
  - **Design Review Committee (DRC)**

These commissions/committees did not have any concerns.

- **This amendment was also reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission on December 1, 2021 and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amendment.**

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Recommendation

- **Staff concurs with the Planning & Zoning Commission and recommends approval of the proposed zoning text amendment to Chapters 2 and 7 of the City Code of Ordinances.**

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