DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

The Design Review Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday July 1, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Committee Present:
Kimberly Lightford –Chairperson (virtual)
Erica Zakamarek – Vice Chairperson
Barbara Casey Lane – Committee Member (virtual)

Committee Absent:
Steven Victor – Committee Member
Ricky McKenzie – Committee Member

Guest
Robin Aldirch, Tapestry School

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by Chair Lightford

II. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Chair Lightford, Second by Member Lane. **3-0**

III. Approval of June 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes – Tabled until August meeting.

IV. Old Business – No old business this meeting.

V. New Business

a. **School Sign – 142 College Street;** Parcel No. 13241C C014; Zoned R-2; Proposed free-standing, ground sign for approved school on First Baptist Church property.

   Small ground sign proposed in existing landscape island at First Baptist Church of Jonesboro to direct parents and students to the newly approved school there.

   Robin Aldrich of the Tapestry School was present to answer questions.

Chair Lightford asked if the sign would be illuminated. *No plans.*

Chair Lightford asked if there would be any landscaping around the sign. *No plans.*

Vice Chair Zakamarek reiterated that this siogn was for wayfinding purposes, not advertising a business. It would probably be a relatively temporary sign.

Chair Lightford asked if there would be concrete around the footings. *Probably.*

A motion was made by Chair Lightford and seconded by Member Lane to to approve the sign design. The motion passed 3–0. It was also requested that a solar powered light be added to illuminate the sign and for low-growing groundcovers or flowers to decorate the sign base.

b. New Residence – 168 Whiteline Street (Starr Drive); Parcel No. 12017C G003; Zoned R-4; Proposed single-family detached residence.

New home proposed on vacant lot. Another house design by same owner was reviewed back in 2023, with several comments from Design Review Commission. There is now a revised design which meets all of the previous comments.

The house's eventual address will be a Starr Drive address, not Whiteline Street, as the name "Whiteline Street" was officially changed to Starr Drive in 2025.

Chair Lightford asked if what they were reviewing was the full construction set that would be permitted. *No*

Member Lane said that this house would be an upgrade for the Starr Drive area.

Chair Lightford asked about the size of the lot and the house.

Vice Chair Zakamarek said that this is a good, clean design.

Chair Lightford asked if we knew about the colors of the trim.

A motion was made by Member Lane and seconded by Chair Lightford to to approve the exterior design of the house and to clarify the trim color at the time of the building permit. The motion passed 3–0.

c. **Mural – 136 South Main Street;** Parcel No. 13241D C013; Zoned H-1; Proposed wall panels for Arts Clayton Builidng in historic district.

These replacement mural panels will be the same size and at the same location on the south side of the Arts Clayton building.

Chair Lightford asked if the murals would have neon colors. There was a discussion about using neon colors as accents versus primary colors.

Faith Akuta said that the colors were now more muted. She also presented a rough draft of a "look book" that applicants could look at for acceptable colors.

Chair Lightford asked if the new murals were commissioned by Arts Clayton. *Clayton County Tourism Authority was applicant.*

Chair Lightford asked if the murals could have some kind of QR code placards or other wayfinding device to inform people of who was on the murals.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Zakamarek and seconded by Member Lane to approve the new mural designs and to confirm QR codes or placards to inform people of who was on the murals. The motion passed 3–0.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Member Lane and seconded by Chair Lightford, to adjourn at 5:16 p.m. The motion passed 3–0.