URBAN DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

MINUTES
August 19th, 2026
Regular Session, 4:00 P.M.
City Hall, 3rd Floor, Council Chambers, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, S.C.

MARY BETH SIMS-BRANHAM • EMILY GALLO • JOHN GREGORY
CRISTOBAL BETANCOURT • LASENTA LEWIS-ELLIS • LATOYA GRATE-ADAMS

Present: Cristobal Betancourt, LaToya Grate-Adams, Lasenta Lewis-Ellis, John Gregory and Emily Gallo

Absent: *Mary Beth Sims-Branham*
Staff: *Lucinda Statler, Tristan Kercher, Madelyn Bowden*

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
Called to order at 4:02pm.
Roll call taken, quorum established.

Mr. Gregory explained that because there were no cases on the consent agenda, the UDRC members will just be approving the previous month's minutes.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July Minutes

Mr. Gregory asked for a motion and second to approve the July minutes.

Motion made by Dr. Lewis-Ellis to approve the July UDRC minutes. Ms. Grate-Adams seconded the motion.
Roll call vote taken. Motion passed (5-0).

III. REGULAR AGENDA

1. 1112 Greene Street (TMS# 11303-02-02) Request for a Certificate of Design Approval for new construction. *Downtown Columbia Overlay District*

Mr. Kercher gave summary of the case. The applicant was present to answer questions.
Doug Quackenbush, the architect, spoke.

Discussion between the applicants, the UDRC, and staff ensued.

Mr. Gregory asked members of the public if they wanted to speak about the case.

Reagan Freeman came up to give support and request safety implementations for the bike lane.

Public comments closed.

Discussion between the applicants, the UDRC, and staff ensued.

Mr. Gregory asked for a motion.

Dr. Lewis-Ellis made a motion to grant a CDA with all staff recommendations adding a condition to explore the integration of bicycle lanes within the Greene Street Parking Lane/Enhancement Zone. Seconded by Ms. Gallo.
Roll call vote taken. Motion passed (5-0).

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Statler took a moment to acknowledge Ms. Bowden's contributions as Land Use Board Coordinator and congratulate her on beginning a Sonography Program.

Ms. Statler reminded board members of required training.

V. ADJOURN

Mr. Betancourt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Lewis-Ellis seconded. All aye (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm.

Chairperson

9/16/26
Date

Respectfully Submitted
Planning and Development Services Department