

Staff Report

DG23- 002 1701 Commerce Street – District 9

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February 2, 2023 2:00pm

City Hall, Council Conference Room 2020

Requested:

Requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior improvements; new paint at all existing façades of the public area levels and guest room towers, new accent lighting along the building mass, new windows at the public areas, new feature wall at the guest arrival motor court, new landscape at the guest arrival motor court, and renovated exterior walls and ceiling at the guest drop off/entry. And for the remodeling of existing façades of the public area levels and guestroom towers, facing Houston Street.

Project Background:

The hotel located at 1701 Commerce Street opened in 1974. There have been a couple of minor renovations during the past few decades. The current proposal is similar to Sheraton's recently completed renovated hotels in Denver and Phoenix, as part of its new administration's direction.

Staff Recommendation:

DDRB Staff recommends approval. This remodel would be a great complement to the Lancaster Corridor and Downtown future projects like the Texas A&M and the Convention Center expansion. DDRB Staff agrees with DFWI that street trees should be part of this project, it's unclear if the trees shown on renders and plans are part of the landscape improvements.

DFWI Recommendation:

The DFWI Design Review Committee recommends approval and suggested that this a great improvement for the property. The committee recommends the street trees be included as part of the redevelopment effort.

Drawings:

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