

# Historic Preservation Design Review

August 25, 2016

HP-16-18, 36 W. Liberty St. (City)

## I. THE REQUEST

<b>Applicant:</b>	Scott Bell
<b>Status of the Applicant:</b>	Architect for Property Owner
<b>Request:</b>	Design review approval for freestanding signage
<b>Location:</b>	36 W. Liberty St.
<b>Present Use/Zoning:</b>	Commercial /CBD
<b>Tax Map Reference:</b>	228-13-07-001
<b>Adjacent Property Land Use and Zoning:</b>	North – W. Liberty St. & Commercial /CBD South – Parking & Commercial /CBD East – Sumter St. & Commercial /CBD West – Commercial /CBD

## II. BACKGROUND

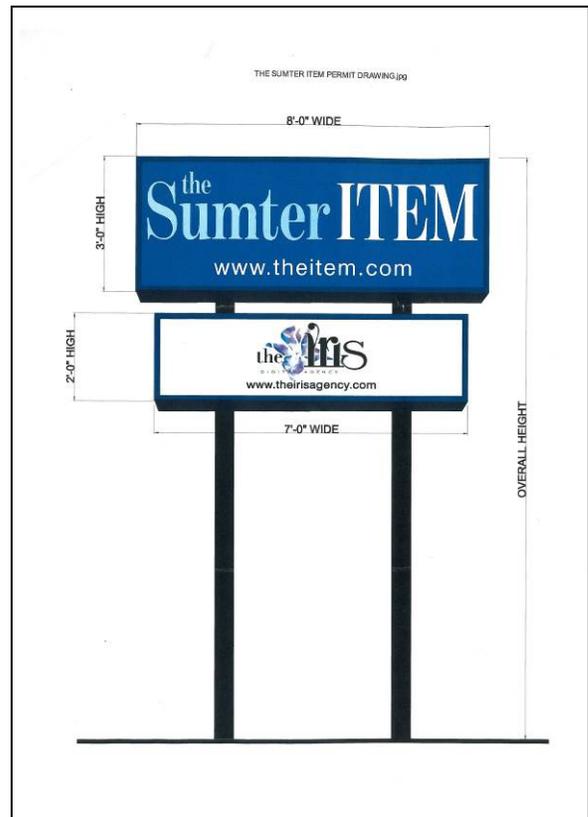
The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for two signs to be located at 36 W. Liberty St. The business is a newspaper.

### *Architectural & Historical Significance:*

This structure is located inside the Downtown Historic District, however it is not deemed to be a contributing structure within the District.

*The Proposal:*

The proposal is to replace the existing sign faces within the cabinet as shown (*below left*). The photo (*below right*) shows the proposed signs, which are to be internally lighted and composed of plastic.



Design review is required for these signs because they do not meet the recommendations of the guidelines that would qualify for staff-level approval.

The *Design Review Guidelines Manual* states:

**#18) Traditional sign materials should be used.**

- Materials such as plywood, plastic substrates, and unfinished wood should not be used.

**#25) Lighting for signs should be concealed.**

- Internally lit signs are not recommended.

### **III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff has reviewed this request in accordance with the design guidelines. The proposed signs are not constructed of traditional sign materials. Furthermore, interior lit signs are not supported by the guidelines. Staff recommends that a more suitable material is chosen for the signs, such as finished wood or wood composite, with concealed lighting.

### **IV. DRAFT MOTIONS**

I move that the Sumter Historic Preservation Design Review Committee approve HP-16-18.

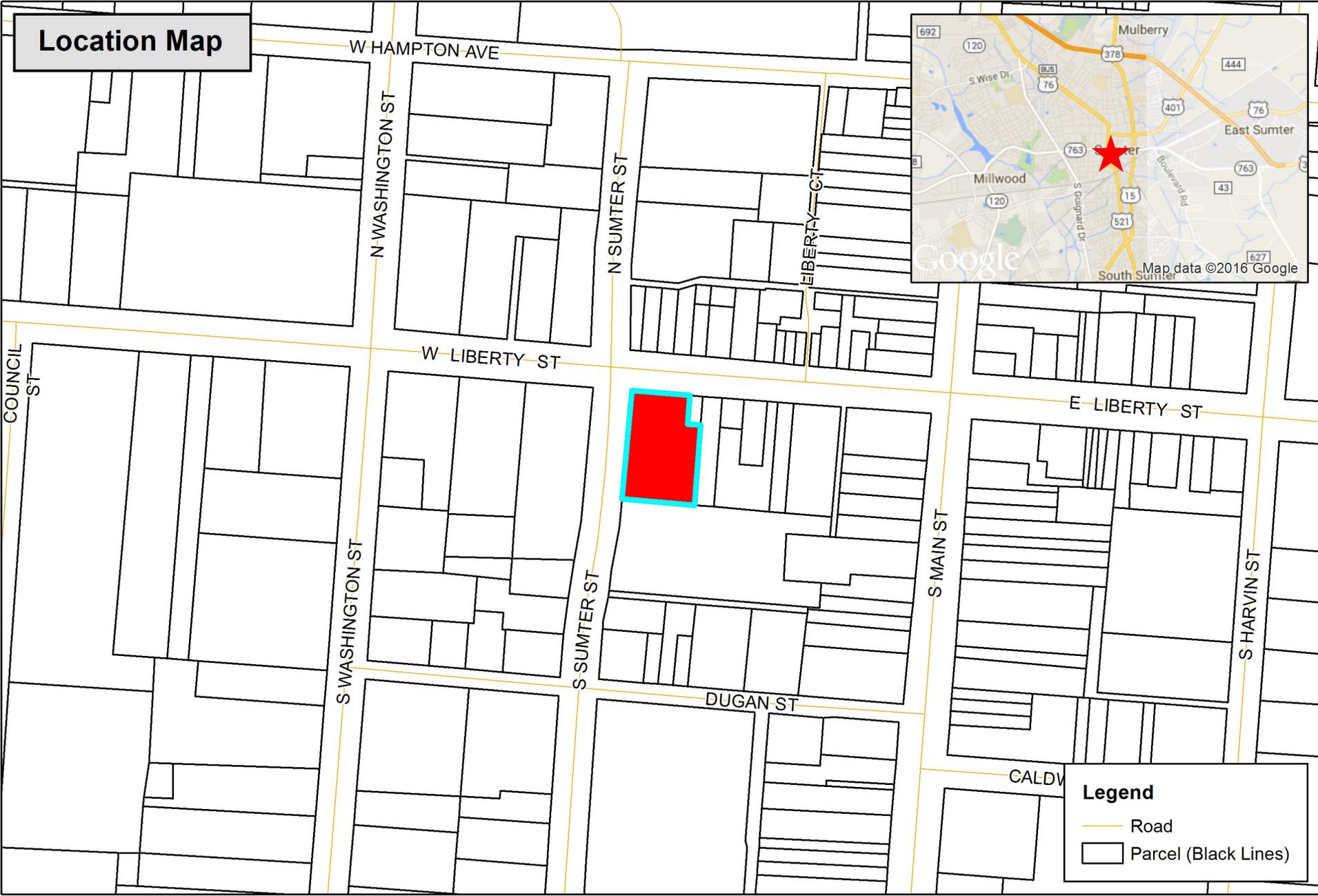
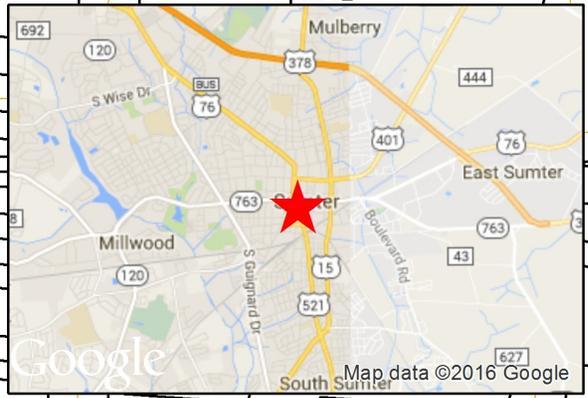
I move that the Sumter Historic Preservation Design Review Committee deny HP-16-18.

I move that the Sumter Historic Preservation Design Review Committee enter an alternative motion.

### **V. HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW – AUGUST 25, 2016**

The Sumter Historic Preservation Design Review Committee at its meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2016, denied this request as presented and required that an approved alternate material be used.

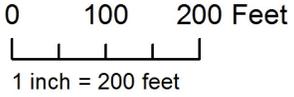
# Location Map



**Legend**

-  Road
-  Parcel (Black Lines)

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