

Historic Preservation Commission

Staff Report

Meeting Date: September 9, 2026

Case #: HPC-47-26

Site Addresses:	908 Queen City Ave
Parcel ID:	31-05-22-1-013-401.001
Applicant:	Leah Drury
Owner:	Patrick Agee

Proposed Work:	Petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a wall sign on the property located at 908 Queen City Avenue in the Druid City Historic District (Council District 4)
Current Zoning:	DHE-H

Historic District:	Druid City Historic District
Architectural Style:	Commercial
Year Built:	1975
Contributing:	No
Historic Survey:	Druid City Historic District Survey

Resource 216. 908 Queen City Avenue. Kyle Fine Stationery. Circa 1975. Two story, concrete block, freestanding commercial building with flat composition roof, parapet, shingled mansard, canopy, store front with brick veneer, double leaf plate glass door with sidelights, plate glass display windows, single leaf door with double leaf wood screen.

The commercial building was built outside the period of significance (R. L. Polk & Co 1970).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

The petitioner has installed a wall sign adjacent to the entrance door of the business, located on the side of the primary structure. The wall sign is approximately 26 inches wide and 33 inches long, and it is mounted 7 ½ feet above the ground. The sign has an acrylic sign face and is supported by a stainless-steel frame and bracket.

While the sign was originally installed to function as an internally illuminated sign, the petitioner has removed the internal lighting, and the sign will no longer be illuminated.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Both vinyl sign faces and metal are listed as appropriate materials for signs per the Design Guidelines.

APPLICABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES:

E. Signs

- Design and install all signs to a size and scale and of types that conform to the historic context of the district and its structures and in a manner to focus only on the intended audience.
- Retain and preserve original signs that contribute to the overall historic character of the building or district.
- Introduce new signage that is compatible in material, size, scale and character with the building or the district. Design signage to enhance the architectural character of a building.
- If desired install small identification signs and historic plaques for residential buildings so that no architectural features or details are obscured or damaged.
- Construct new signs of traditional sign materials:

Examples of Appropriate Materials:

- Stone
- Brick
- Vinyl lettering and/or sign face
- Wrought iron or metal
- Canvas awning
- Wood
- Stucco
- High Density Urethane (HDU) sign board (or equivalent) resembling wood or metal for lettering or logo

Examples of Inappropriate Materials:

- Vinyl sign structure or vinyl awning
- Internally illuminated signs
- Plastic

- Install freestanding signs in appropriate locations on low standards or grown bases. Screening the base of ground signs with plantings to enhance its appearance is required.
- Mount flush signboards in appropriate locations on façades so that no architectural details or features are obscured or damaged. On masonry buildings, holes for fasteners should be placed in the mortar joints, not the masonry units.
- Light signs in a manner compatible within the historic character and the pedestrian scale of the historic district.
- For commercial and institutional buildings, design signs to be integral to the overall building façade. Avoid covering a large portion of the façade, front yard, or any significant architectural features with signage.
- Temporary signs, including sales advertising, and real estate signs should be located so as not to damage or obscure significant architectural features, and shall be removed upon completion of work, sale, campaign, etc. The maximum number of allowable signs shall be one per street frontage.
- Signs directing users to an accessible entrance or parking space should be installed to avoid damaging or obscuring significant architectural features, while conforming to Accessibility Standards (ADAAG).

Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Property Information:

Site Address:

908 Queen City Ave, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Historic District:

Druid City

Estimated Cost of Construction:

1500

Detailed Description of the Proposed Work:

New signage due to rebranding, on the side of the building.

Detailed Description of the Proposed Materials:

sign face is white and black acrylic. sign rim and brack is stainless steel

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name:

Leah Drury

Property Owner Information:

Owner 1**Property Owner Name:**

Patrick Agee

Supporting Documents:

Site Plan:

IMG_1768.jpg

Elevation Drawings:**Proposed Materials Documents:**

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Additional Documents:

Once submitted, a staff member will contact the applicant using the email provided on this form. If more documents are required, the staff member will clarify what is required in that email. By submitting this application, you recognize the city will send public notification and place a sign on the property with information for the public.



Sizing





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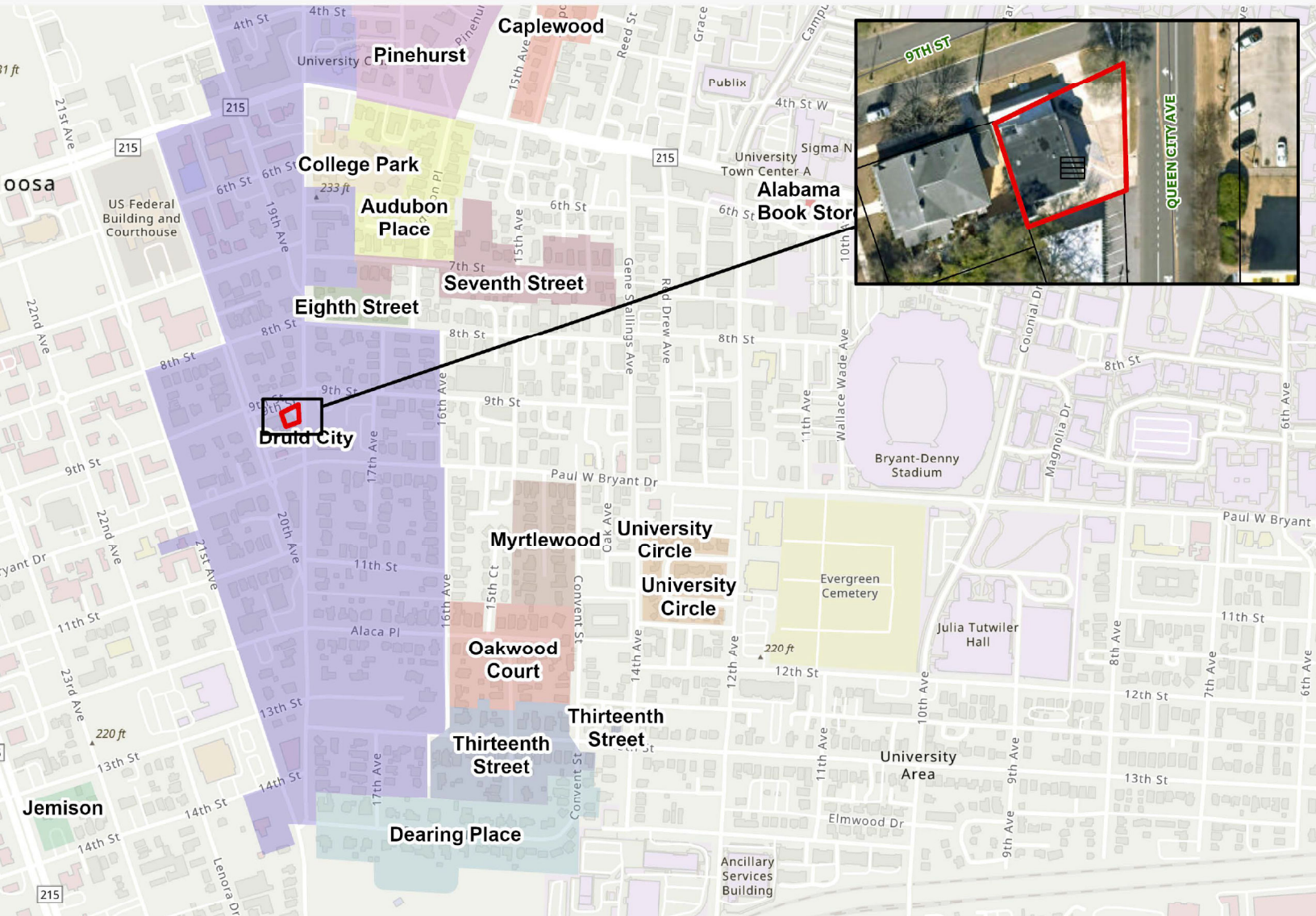
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908 Queen City Avenue

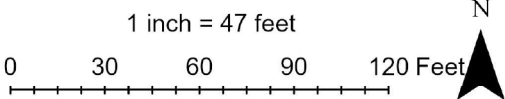
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