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Sign & Streetery Committee Report Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 9:30 AM

Sign Applications

Returning Reviews:

1. 180-25

Chase Bank

123-29 Chestnut Street

Zoning: CMX-3 within /CTR Center City Overlay District –
Center City Commercial Area

Recommendation for Approval Upon Receipt of Additional Information.

The proposal was updated to a 3'x5' banner and the bracket was moved down to approximately 18' above grade.

The Committee would approve the proposal after the ZBA grants the variance.

2. 157-25

Ritten House Deli and Juice Bar

1039 Chestnut Street

Zoning: CMX-5 within /CTR Center City Overlay District –
Center City Commercial Area

Recommendation for Revisions Needed.

The rendering and elevation drawings don't match, the applicant to confirm the accuracy of the proposal.

The Committee suggested that the lettering size matches on both sides, either shorten the sign on the 11th Street side or move the channel letters to the right side so the sizing matches. The Committee requested that the lighting be static and be very low intensity.

First Reviews:

1. 229-25

Mann Center for the Performing Arts – Entry Plaza and Welcome Center

5201 Parkside Avenue

Zoning: SP-PO-A

Signage on City property

Recommendation for Approval. Make sure the alignment is similar for when they replace "Sponsor" with the actual sponsor's name.

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2. 230-25

Uchi

1608-34 Sansom Street

Zoning: CMX-5 within /CTR Center City Overlay District –
Center City Commercial Area

Recommendation for Approval. Make sure the window screens are removed once the sign is put up.

3. 231-25

Joan Shepp

1905 Walnut Street

Zoning: CMX-4 within /CTR Center City Overlay District –
Chestnut and Walnut Street Area West

Recommendation for Approval. The awning will not have lighting.

4. 232-25

Bellevue

200 S Broad Street

Zoning: CMX-5 within /CTR Center City Overlay District –
Chestnut and Walnut Street Area West

Recommendation for Approval. The new materials are very nice. This is a replacement in kind.

5. 233-25

Parkway

2036-42 Chestnut Street

Zoning: CMX-4 within /CTR Center City Overlay District –
Chestnut and Walnut Street Area West

Recommendation for Approval. The sign is the standard height and sign used in multiple sites.

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6. 234-25

Casa Nostra

775 S Front Street

Zoning: CMX-1

Accessory Sign Controls - Special Controls for Cobbs Creek,
Roosevelt Blvd, and DPR Land

Recommendation for Revisions needed.

The Committee believed that the number of signs were excessive and requested that the channel letter sign be replaced with a sign printed on the awning due to the residential character of the area and the oval sign in between the windows to be simplified or removed, both to avoid having to go before the ZBA. The projecting sign can be replaced with the side of the awning with more simplified text. The applicant was asked to come back to SSC with a revised application.

7. 235-25

The J Spot

2144-48 Lombard Street

Zoning: CMX-1 within /CTR Center City Overlay District –
Center City Commercial Area

Recommendation for Approval.

The blade sign extends 2' from the building facade and will be installed 8' above the sidewalk on the north of the entryway.

8. 236-25

Nomura

100 S Independence Mall West

Zoning: CMX-5 within /CTR Center City Overlay District –
Independence Hall Area

Recommendation for Approval.

The Committee acknowledges that the metal color behind the monument signage will match the aesthetic of the adjacent signage upon fabrication. Additionally, it is noted that the address on the plinth signage has been updated to be less bold in character.

The proposed signs are replacing existing signage. The building ID signs have already been approved by the Art Commission.

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Legalization:

1. **237-25**
Kung Fu Necktie
1248 Front Street
Zoning: CMX-3
Encroachment

Recommendation for Legalization upon receipt of additional information.
The Committee would approve the legalization if the ZBA grants the variance.

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