

## MDHA committee approves Crown design

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Design plans for the proposed SoBro office high-rise that would be anchored by Nashville law firm Bass Berry & Sims PLC were given a preliminary go-ahead Tuesday, moving construction of the contemporary tower one step closer to reality.

The Metro Development and Housing Agency's Design Review Committee unanimously approved the currently proposed configuration and appearance of the building, tentatively to be called The Crown and contain 1.068 million square feet.

Atlanta-based Barry Real Estate Companies Inc. wants to build the 432-foot-tall office tower on a surface parking lot next to the Schermerhorn Symphony Center and between Second and Third avenues.

Tom White, senior partner with Nashville-based Tune Entrekin & White and Barry's legal representative for the project, said the next step involves a Metro Planning Commission meeting Dec. 14, at which Barry will request a rezoning to "specific plan." A Jan. 2 public hearing before the Metro Council and a third-reading vote Jan. 16 also await.

White said the MDHA committee wants Barry and its architect, New Haven, Conn.-based Pickard Chilton, to modify the current design of the building, including, among others, changes to its 52-foot-tall decorative top and various vertical embellishments.

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