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VILAGE DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VDDAC)

FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATION REPORT
RE: Bankwell / Glengate – 47 Old Ridgefield Road
March 3, 2022 Application meeting

SUMMARY:

The VDDAC had a meeting with the applicant / owners and their Attorney, on March 3, 2022 to review the proposed changes to the building to allow the change from a bank to a retail showroom for Greengate pool and design company on the first floor. Design changes brought to the Committee were a large box window display facing Hubbard Road (approximately 7' x 9') and a smaller change to 2 side window facing Old Ridgefield Road. Both were intended to display items available at the store. Signage was also reviewed, consisting of window signs and a new logo on the monument signs, all in compliance with the regulations.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- The impact from the display windows were seen as minimal
- Committee discussed the unscreened rooftop units. It was agreed by the applicants that they would be coming back after they retain ownership with a plan to properly screen those units.
- Committee recommended that the applicant investigate painting the building, especially the main doorway entrance, which was perceived as being dark and uninviting
- Committee recommended that they applicants review the plantings and add some pollinator plants, possibly making plantings part of an education area.
- Committee lastly looked at the large parking area facing Hubbard Road and could that be made more pedestrian friendly

Applicant responded that they were a landscape / design company and that they would be looking at the named improvements as they get into the building. Will be exploring the current drive-area, possibly as a planting or display area.

The proposal to add new windows and signage was approved unanimously.