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**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD/ VILLAGE
DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR (ELECTRONIC) MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 6, 2023
5:00 PM**

PRESENT: Rob Sanders, AIA, Chairman, Sam Gardner, AIA, Vice Chairman
Kevin Quinlan, AIA, John Doyle, AIA and Kathleen Poirier, AIA

ALSO PRESENT: Daphne White, Assistant Town Planner

I. VILLAGE DISTRICT DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. Call to Order** – at approximately 5:07 PM – The meeting was scrambled to start with the Village District Design Advisory Committee.
- B. Roll Call** - Kathleen Poirier was welcomed heartily by the Board members, as the Board's newest appointed member.

C. Work Session

- 1. HM Old Ridgefield, LLC/Heather Mroz, 20 Old Ridgefield Road** – Proposed signage

Present as applicants were Heather Mroz and Mark Mroz. Ms. Mroz described the proposed freestanding sign. She noted that the sign would be two-sided, would be a minimum of 5' from the property line, would have a white background and a black border, and that no lighting was proposed.

The Committee noted that they were in favor of the sign as it was presented, and voted unanimously to approve it. It was also noted that directional signs would be allowed if they did not exceed two square feet, if they were found to be necessary.

2. MNG Properties, LLC/Kudos Sheds, 24-30 Cannon Road – Proposed signage

The property owner, Marc Gueron was present to describe the proposed building mounted sign. He noted that the sign would be made of pin mounted letters with the word Kudos, in a turquoise/blue color and the word and logo shed, in a turquoise/yellow color, which are superimposed.

Mr. Gueron stated that he was trying to legalize an existing internally illuminated sign by not using the illumination because the Zoning Regulations do not allow internally illuminated signs, unless they are approved by way of an Alternative Signage Program application.

The Committee agreed that they would approve the sign as long as the sign remained non-illuminated, non-dynamic, with pin letters and continued to be not internally illuminated. They further stated that if the sign were to be illuminated (either internally illuminated or externally illuminated) that Mr. Gueron would need to return to the Committee for further review.

3. Work Session – Design guidelines

The ARB/VDDAC Board members described to Ms. Poirier the design guidelines that they have been working on and they noted the following: 1. That the guidelines are intended to help applicants understand the approval process, how the guidelines are applied to projects, and that their goal is to improve the design of proposed projects that they review, if it is needed. 2. They are in the process of determining whether or not the guidelines would be located in the Zoning Regulations or another document. 3. They are hoping to meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission about providing a “collective strategy” toward making the guidelines accessible. 4. The Wilton Center Area Master Plan Committee and consultants are working on creating a form-based code for Wilton Center which will create a design overlay. Ms. Poirier noted her concern about the accessibility of the design guidelines for future applications.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 1, 2023 – Special Meeting

Approved unanimously, as written.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:04 PM.

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