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Village District Design Committee Meeting Minutes*
July 23, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rob Sanders, AIA, Chairman, Sam Gardner, AIA, Vice Chairman, Laura Noble Perese, Secretary and Kevin Quinlan, AIA

OTHERS Robert Nerney, Town Planner, Gianna Panullo and Doug Fuchs of
PRESENT: Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc. and Robert Kuszpa of Sign Pro

ABSENT: John Doyle, AIA

Chairman Sanders convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m., confirmed committee attendance via roll call and introduced the applicants. Gianna Panullo of Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc. provided an overview of the application; noting the foundation's desire to modernize identification for their 27 Cannon Road facility. Specific improvements called for the removal of an illegal ground sign erected by a previous owner and replacement with a new sign at the westerly driveway. Ms. Panullo stated that the driveway traffic flow would be reversed so as to improve sight distance for exiting vehicles. The planned monument sign would consist of a 17.5 square foot aluminum tube frame structure wrapped with a wood-replicated sign face and consistent with submitted drawings. Three different color schemes were introduced and the Committee agreed that the red-colored ground sign as presented would be the most suitable design in terms of matching the color of the applicant's building and the nearby Cannondale Train Station building. It was also recommended the design incorporate a matte finish as opposed to a glossy finish. The applicant stated that sign illumination was not necessary as most activity is limited to daytime hours. The Committee also found the proposed 5.67 square foot silver wall-mounted sign to be acceptable, noting the desired contrast between the red building façade and proposed sign.

The Committee proceeded to review meeting minutes from the June 25, 2019 VDDAC meeting. A motion was made by Sam Gardner and seconded by Laura Noble Perese to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Committee briefly discussed the proposed formation of an architectural review board. It was decided the Committee would set a special meeting for August 27, 2019 for purposes of producing revisions which could then be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration at their September 9, 2019 hearing. Committee members stated the need to provide greater definition between the role of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the proposed Architectural Review Board and also suggested the re-codification and strengthening of certain sections of the document so as to enhance clarity and provide greater guidance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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