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TOWN HALL ANNEX
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Village District Design Advisory Committee/ Architectural Review Board

Minutes

March 3, 2022, 5:00PM

Electronic Call In Meeting

PRESENT: Laura Perese, Sam Gardner, AIA, Vice Chairman, John Doyle, AIA, Rob Sanders AIA, Kevin Quinlan, AIA

Also Present: Michael Wrinn, Town Planner

I – Architectural Review Board

S. Gardner called the meeting of the Architectural Review Board to order at 5:03 and noted that R. Sanders was sitting out the first item due to a conflict.

1. SP# 488 – Warrior Walkers, LLC – 15 Cannon Road – adaptive use as dog retreat / boarding

Rick Hoag, AIA, representing the applicants took the Commission thought the application, described the use and the outdoor fencing, of 2 types, solid wood and black wire page fence. Discussion over the location of the fencing and would it be possible to square up the pens with the building. It was not due to site issues. Protection of the interior historical was raised, R. Hoag offered that the entire interior was previously remodeled, and they would be adding new flooring and wall protection for the dogs.

Motion by S. Gardner to approve, was granted 3-0.

Rob Sanders, Chair, entered the meeting.

2. ASML, 77 Danbury Road, Roof screening along the front

James Murphy, Esq said it was simple request, to continue the existing screening across the front of the building along Danbury Road in accordance with the requirements of the P&Z. Confirmed that this would be same material as existing.

Patrick van der Bogaard, ASML, discussed the timing of construction of the cafeteria project, expected to be completed by the end of year

A motion was made by R. Sanders to approve, was granted 4-0.

3. 200 Danbury Road – Patrick Downend – Mixed use development – Addition of HVAC units

Mr. Downend was not present, moved to the next item.

II. Village District Design Advisory Committee

1. Bankwell, 47 Old Ridgefield Road – New tenant Glengate Retail showroom – New Window openings / signage

Attorney James Murphy, representing Glengate, explained they were looking to create a new retail showroom and need some exterior improvements, consisting of signage and display windows. Looking for a 7' x 13' box display window and a small change to a side window, as show on his drawings. Jordan Scott, owner of Glengate explained the operation. Regarding signage, it was determined that is need to meet the zoning regulations and applicate confirmed it would , that the Bankwell signage will be coming down.

Committee asked about the vast parking area in front and the existing unscreened rooftop units. Mr. Scott said they were also of the mind that those needed attention and they would be looking at those to correct. Committee discussed plantings, pollinator plants and paint. Again Mr. Scott said they would be upgrading the landscaping and the building.

Motion made by R. Sanders to approve, was granted 4-0.

It was noted that Mr. Downend, 200 Danbury Road was able to connect to the meeting so his item was taken up.

Mr. Downend said he was looking to add an HVAC unit at the rear end of the building, adding screening around the base and screening around the ductwork as it went above an existing window. Committee recommended that he come in below the window, reducing the amount of screening needed. R. Sanders suggested getting a detail of this to staff who forward to him for review and approval. All agreed.

The pole light in front of the Morehouse was discussed, thinking it was too large ofr that structure. P. Downend agreed and was willing to make that a smaller bollard type light.

WORK SESSION: Consolidation of Wilton Center Area Master Plan Priorities

R. Sanders noted that members had submitted some initial thoughts, which was great. The key was to engage the public. The river walk was a very important part of the plan, as is density, mixed uses, connectivity.

John Doyle shared some older aerial photos, which depicted how the area had changed, where crossings east to west used to occur.

R. Sanders said he would take the submitted thoughts of each of the Commissioners and combine them into one document to present to the Wilton Center Area Master Plan Consultants on Thursday, March 10th.

The meeting of the ARB was adjourned at 7:30pm.

***Minutes have not been reviewed by this committee and may be subject to revisions in future minutes. Full audio recordings of meeting is available at: www.wiltonct.org/tv/index.htm**

