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Village District Design Advisory Committee/ Architectural Review Board

Minutes

December 2, 2021, 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

R. Sanders opened the meeting at 5:02pm

2 – Election of Officers

S. Garner nominated R. Sanders for Chair, seconded by J. Doyle.

R. Sanders nominated S. Gardner for Vice President, seconded by J. Doyle.

S. Gardner nominated L. Parese for Secretary, seconded by J. Doyle.

No other nominations from the floor, R. Sanders moved that they move the slate as proposed.

Slate was approved 5-0

1 – 200 Danbury Road, LLC/ Sharp Hill Square – Mixed Use Development – Alternate sign package.

Patrick Downend opened his presentation reviewing his 2 ground signs. K. Quinlan liked the sign design but very concerned it was too large. J. Doyle discussed possibility of lower and wider. Sightlines were reviewed. P. Downend said it was very important to tenants to have a presence on a sign, therefore the large sign. L. Parese liked the traditional look of the sign which balances out the size in this particular case.

It was agreed that each sign would be lowered by one foot, in the area between the sign bottom and the top of the brick planter.

P. Downend next presented his wall signs, saying he does not know at this time how the buildings will be demised, which has an impact on how ultimately the signage will be assigned.

Discussion ensued over having a uniform consist sign package for the entire project. Committee would rather see everything consistent, which the landlord has the ability to do. R. Sanders pointed out 37 Danbury Road, which has green awnings with white letters, for each tenant. This type of consistency should be the standard.

P. Downend moved to the Morehouse building signage, which was an awning sign hanging between the columns. After discussion, it was suggested that individual letters on the roof be explored, with possible lighting strip from below. Noted was the Ridgefield Hardware as an example. Patrick agreed that would be a good change.

Committee agreed 5-0 for the signage package.

2. Baywing, LLC19 Cannon Road – 70 unit multifamily development –

POSTPONED

3. CT Humane Society, 863-875 Danbury Road – Alternate signage package

Attorney James Murphy introduced the proposal. Michael Sayer, Architect presented the coordinated sign package. Presented the plans and location of each. K. Quinlan liked the signage but questioned why the “Society” part of the main wall sign was placed over the glass tower and should it be shifted left. M. Sayer wanted to see it there to place more emphasis on the door location. Asked if it was possible to raise the main wall sign a litter higher.

Commission approved the proposal.

4 – Adoption of 2022 Calendar –

M. Wrinn offered the same general dates as existing, Thursday at 5:00pm. Committee approved calendar.

5 – Minutes of November 4, 2021

Minutes were accepted – Motion J. Doyle, seconded K. Quinlan, approved unanimously.

ARB Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

II. Village District Design Advisory Committee

R. Sanders opened up the VDDAC at 6:25 pm and seated the board.

Election of officers

R. Sanders proposed the same slate as the ARB if everyone was willing. This was agreed to and the slate was unanimously approved.

1. Bank of America, 117 Old Ridgefield Road – Security lighting upgrades

Andrew Rinone representing the bank opening by showing the site plan and went through the plans, adding additional lighting consisting of pole lighting and landscaping changes. Said all landscaping would be trimmed to 36” for security and trees would be trimmed. L. Parese said we need as much landscaping as possible there, suggested pollinator plantings. Committee went over the photometrics and noted how intense and hot the readings were, being reflecting off the white building. Question of what goes off site also.

R. Sanders confirmed received a text from M. Wrinn got knocked off Zoom, can’t get back in..

Committee asked that the applicant look at a lower number of the lights and come back for review and look at possibility at bollard lights in the front. Poles are too tall.

The meeting of the VDDAC was adjourned at 6:48pm.

***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**

