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Village District Design Committee Special Meeting Minutes*
March 26, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rob Sanders, AIA, Chairman, Sam Gardner, AIA, Vice Chairman, John Doyle, AIA and Kevin Quinlan, AIA (via telephone conference call),

OTHERS Robert Nerney, Town Planner, Zack Moore, Signarama, Inc. (via
PRESENT: telephone conference call) and Tony Ramadani, Owner, Red Rooster Restaurant (via telephone conference call)

ABSENT: Megan LaBant Abrahamsen and Laura Noble-Perese

Chairman Sanders convened the meeting at 4:10 p.m. and the Committee unanimously voted to scramble the agenda to discuss a draft report to the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning building and site modifications to the Bank of America building located at 117 Old Ridgefield Road. The Committee requested a statement be added to the report recommending the elimination of exposed electrical conduit servicing the existing and planned wall lighting on the north elevation of the building. It was also recommended the freestanding pole light be the same fixture as used at the Wilton Library. The Committee requested the detail of the library fixture be included in the report. The Committee unanimously approved the forwarding of the report as amended to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the February 26, 2019 regular meeting and unanimously approved the documents with an amendment that "Toy Crest" be changed to "Toy Chest".

Mr. Sanders next referred to agenda item #1:

Post Office Square, LLC (owner/applicant), property located at Center Street (known as Assessor's Map #73, Lot #13), proposed replacement of building façade sign.

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Restaurateur Tony Ramadan explained that he seeking to replace an existing wall-mounted sign to accommodate a name change to his restaurant. Mr. Ramadan was joined Zack Moore of Signarama, Inc. who described the sign as circular in shape and consisting of a flat-faced PVC, vinyl covered panel measuring 13 square feet in size and ¾” in thickness. Committee members expressed concern over the lack of depth and the two dimensional appearance of the sign. It was suggested the border and lettering be raised one-half inch to enhance the attractiveness of the sign. Mr. Ramadan stated that he is still exploring sign illumination options; but felt that goose neck lighting would be appropriate. He agreed to present lighting cut sheets to the Committee once available. Mr. Ramadan expressed an interest in changing the color of the building from white to a light gray color and inquired as to whether such color change would warrant Committee review. The Committee offered the following recommendations:

- Future changes in building color was determined to be beyond the purview of the Committee; but found to be appropriate as described.
- Lettering and the circular border of the sign be raised ½” from the sign face. The emblem (rooster) need not be raised.
- Lighting shall be reviewed when cut sheets become available.
- No other signage shall be installed without Committee review.

The Committee resumed the order of its agenda and reviewed the minutes from the March 12, 2019 special meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved subject to an amendment that exterior electrical conduit servicing wall-mounted light fixture be removed. The Committee also recommended the first sentence in the second paragraph on page 2 read as follows: “Mr. Sanders noted the bank’s close proximity to the Wilton Library and, for purposes of design continuity, suggested the proposed freestanding light fixture be the same fixture as those in use at the library”.

Mr. Nerney stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission would like to meet with the Village District Design Advisory Committee to discuss the formation of an architectural review board. A tentative date of April 8, 2019 was suggested by the Planning and Zoning Commission; but confirmation would follow.

Mr. Nerney advised the committee of a request from Kimco Inc. to resurface existing parking areas within the River Park Shopping Center. The Committee did not object to the maintenance proposal.

There being no further discussion, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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