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Design Review Commission

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Chair Mark Fitzgerald called the above-captioned meeting to order this date at 7:00 PM, at the Franklin Municipal Building, 355 East Central Street, Room 205, Franklin, Massachusetts. Members in attendance: Chris Baryluk, Ralph Niemi. Members absent: Sam Williams, James Bartro.

Chairman Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. **Best Western Plus – 835 Upper Union Street** – Remove existing signage and install new front wall sign, rear wall sign, and monument sign on existing base

James Callahan of Callahan Sign, LLC, and Tom Walker of Hawthorn confirmed this is a rebranding of an existing building. Mr. Callahan stated the existing “Hawthorn” sign is rectangular at 7’ x 12’; the new “Best Western Plus” sign will be 9’ x 9’. The existing rear sign is 7’ x 12’; the new sign will be 7.4’ x 6.9’. The square footage will be less than what is existing. The signs will be internally illuminated like the existing signs. They will be removing the old sign and installing a new monument sign of 3’ x 11’ on the existing base; the square footage of the new sign area is less than what is currently existing.

Motion: To **Approve** the sign package as submitted. Motioned by C. Baryluk. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 3-0-0.

2. **Franklin Transmission & Auto Care – 505 East Central Street** – Replace existing awning and pylon faces

Cam Afonso of Signs by Cam reviewed the proposed signage. He stated the owner has a new logo and new design. The awning signage above the store front and the street sign will be replaced.

Motion: To **Approve** the sign package as submitted. Motioned by C. Baryluk. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 3-0-0.

3. **Chateau Italian Kitchen & Bar – 466 King Street** – Repairing sills, re-painting exterior walls and trim, new stone column covers at entry and new stone wainscot, new pylon sign and building signage

Gerry Fruggiero, Director of Operations for the Chateau Restaurant Group; Christopher Woodley, Landscaper of Christopher Woodley Company; and Bill Whitlock of Whitlock Design Group, addressed the Design Review Commission. They confirmed there was no change to the footprint of the building. They discussed the proposed landscaping as listed on the submitted plan. They will be keeping the outdoor seating. They confirmed the signage was approved by the Design Review Commission a few weeks ago. There is no drive-thru. They discussed the proposed colors.

Motion: To **Recommend** the project package, textures and finishes, as submitted. Motioned by C. Baryluk. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 3-0-0.

Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2019 and September 24, 2019

Motion: To **Approve** the September 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motioned by C. Baryluk. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 2-0-1. (M. Fitzgerald abstained as he did not attend this meeting.)

Motion: To **Approve** the September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motioned by C. Baryluk. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 2-0-1. (M. Fitzgerald abstained as he did not attend this meeting.)

General Matters: None.

Motion to Adjourn by C. Baryluk. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary