

## Town of Franklin



### Design Review Commission

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

### 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, Sam Williams, Ralph Niemi, James Bartro. Members absent: None.

**1. I Have Coins – 13 Main Street – Install blade sign on new bracket.**

Cam Afonso of Signs by Cam reviewed the proposed signage to install a blade sign on a new steel bracket. He stated there is no lighting. He reviewed the location of the business.

**Motion:** To **Approve** the sign package as submitted. Motioned by C. Baryluk. Seconded by S. Williams. Voted 4-0-0.

*Mr. James Bartro entered the meeting.*

**2. NRG Lab Fitness – 100 Franklin Village Drive – Unit 16 – Replace existing CRUNCH FITNESS signs with new owner's name.**

Chair Fitzgerald confirmed all existing signs will be replaced with the new owner's name. He asked if the white background of the large pylon sign would be opaque so it would not shine through at night. Applicant's representative stated she told the owner that the Design Commission prefers that it not be a white background; the owner asked her to prepare an alternate version with black background. She stated the NRG Lab letters will be white.

**Motion:** To **Approve** the sign package as submitted with the stipulation that the background is opaque white or another color. Motioned by Chris Baryluk. Seconded by J. Bartro. Voted 5-0-0.

**3. PJ Mart 2 – 150 Emmons Street – Suite 2 – 24" x 120" s/face carved signs with copy 1 mounted on façade over entrance and 1 on outside wall on back of building.**

Mr. Giordano of Giordano Signs reviewed the proposed signage. Chair Fitzgerald stated there does not appear to be any issue regarding the sign on the top as it is within the parameters; he noted it was externally illuminated. However, the applicant is over on the amount of window signage. He stated that all the advertisements for drinks and other items must be removed and the applicant must come into compliance with their signage. Mr. Giordano stated they would take care of it. He reviewed the sign attachment method and stated attachment information was not submitted with the sign package. Chair Fitzgerald stated the building inspector would be looking for the attachment method and materials. He reviewed a list of action items for the applicant to complete. He stated the applicant

must provide the construction materials of the sign and the attachment method to the building. In addition, the pylon sign materials must be identified as well as if it is an overlay to what is already there or if they are installing a new piece. He stated this information is required by the building inspector. He stated that sketching it in is acceptable, as long as it is legible. He asked Mr. Giordano to alert the owner that the front of the store is currently in non-compliance with signage. The bylaws state how much signage is allowed on the windows. He asked the applicant to put all the required information in the application package. He stated he would have the building inspector confirm the window is cleaned up before the permit is provided.

**Motion:** To **Accept** the building panels as submitted with the stipulations that a package will be added showing the method of attachment and materials for construction; before the permit is issued additional pages are added for the pylon sign materials and attachment method; and cleanup of the front windows is required to get them into compliance with the sign bylaw of 6 sq. ft. or 10 percent, whichever is smaller. Motioned by M. Fitzgerald. Seconded by S. Williams. Voted 5-0-0.

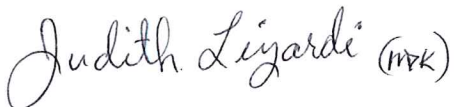
**Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2020**

**Motion:** To **Approve** the January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motioned by M. Fitzgerald. Seconded by C. Baryluk. Voted 3-0-2. (Mr. Bartro and Mr. Williams abstained.)

**General Matters:** Chair Fitzgerald noted two action items: he will email Building Commissioner Gus Brown on Chipotle sign replacement and ask Mr. Brown about Glen Pharma truck.

**Motion to Adjourn** by M. Fitzgerald. Seconded by C. Baryluk. Voted 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Judith Lizardi  
Recording Secretary