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Design Review Commission

Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Chris Baryluk 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, Sam Williams, James Bartro. Members absent: Mark Fitzgerald.

Vice Chair Chris Baryluk opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Planet Jeep – 400 East Central Street – Replace sign faces

Cam Afonso of Signs by Cam reviewed the proposed signage and stated the white around the logo is opaque. The logo and the blue portion of the double-sided sign light up.

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

2. Acapulco’s Restaurant – 371 Union Street – New entrance wall, new stone wainscot, change color of exterior walls, minor stone veneer details, front elevation with new sign

Wayne Hubbell, architect of Hubbell Design Group Architects, representing Jesus Ruelas, owner of Acapulco’s Restaurant; Mick McGovern, general contractor and construction supervisor; and Rocco Cavallaro of Cavallaro Signs, Inc., addressed the Commission. Mr. Hubbell reviewed the proposal to change the facade including changing the exterior paint color of the building, adding a 4.5 ft. tall stone veneer to the front of the building, and installing a new front entrance door. The arches are the same material as the lower facade. The face of the building is approximately 12 ft. back from the curb. The existing sign bracket that is welded to the building will be used, but it will be reinforced. The original sign was not illuminated from within; the new sign is proposed to be translucent and illuminated. The background is an off-white color, rather yellowish/tannish; one manufacturer refers to it as translucent ivory.

Motion: To **Recommend** the facade as submitted. Motioned by S. Williams. Seconded by J. Bartro. Voted 4-0-0.

Commission member stated that as long as the background is an ivory or off-white color, and not a shining white box, it is acceptable.

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

Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2019

Motion: To **Approve** the December 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motioned by S. Williams. Seconded by R. Niemi. Voted 2-0-2. (C. Baryluk and J. Bartro abstained.)

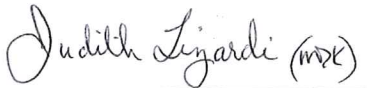
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This item was not discussed.

General Matters: Mr. Williams noted that at the last Design Review Commission meeting it was discussed that Franklin Pizza and Deli on Cottage Street may have changed their sign without coming before the Design Review Commission; in addition, it was pointed out that the sign may not be in compliance with the Commission's standards as it has a transparent white background. This issue should be investigated.

Motion to Adjourn by S. Williams. Seconded by J. Bartro. Voted 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Lizardi" followed by a circled "ML" in the right margin.

Judith Lizardi
Recording Secretary