

Minutes of the February 10, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Design Review Board

WELLESLEY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING

Design Review Board Present: Chair Jose Soliva, Vice-Chair Robert Skolnick, Iris Lin, Juann Khoory, Sheila Dinsmoor

Staff Present: Planning Director Donald McCauley, Senior Planner Valerie Oorthuys

Call to Order

Mr. Soliva called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call: Soliva-aye
Skolnick-aye, Khoory-aye, Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye

Citizen Speak – Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda

No comments were brought before the Board.

DRB 21-01 S 46 Washington Street – Gulf Gas Station - Special permit sign

Present: John LeClerk, Station-Glo of New England Inc.

Mr. LeClerk reviewed the proposed signage and canopy plans. Mr. LeClerk confirmed that the owner of the Gulf Gas Station was proposing to complete various improvements on the property, including painting/siding and upgrading.

Mr. Silva stated that signs which are internally lighted, have not been approved in the past. Ms. Dinsmoor queried about the size of lettering on the signs. Mr. McCauley confirmed the maximum size of signage lettering is 14.”

Mr. Silva opined that a proposed Gulf logo located on the canopy might negatively impact the free-standing sign closer to the street.

Mr. Skolnick expressed concern about the sign facing the street and impacts on the residential area.

Ms. Khoory commented about the proposed canopy lighting.

Mr. Soliva recommended that the signage plan be re-submitted in consideration of lettering size modifications, removal of Gulf sign within the valance, lighting and other sign modifications. The applicant agreed with suggestions made by the Board.

Mr. Skolnick moved to continue DRB 21-01 S 46 Washington Street – Gulf Gas Station to February 24, 2021; to include submittal of plan modifications, as discussed. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Lin-aye, Khoory-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Skolnick-aye, Soliva-aye

DRB-21-04 -S – 267 Washington Street #4 – Acampora Interiors - Special Permit Sign

Present: Keith DuBois of Viewpoint Sign & Awning

Mr. DuBois noted that the proposed awning would be the same size as the existing awning, with the same color scheme and smaller lettering.

Mr. Skolnick motioned to accept DRB-21-04 -S – 267 Washington Street #4 – Acampora Interiors - Special Permit Signage, as presented. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye, Lin-aye, Skolnick-aye, Soliva-aye

DRB-21-05 -161 Linden Street #105 – Spartan Safe – Sign

Present: Ray Thill of Boston Sign Company

Mr. Thill stated that letters on the store front were being replaced. He maintained that the landlord approved the proposed signage, adding that sign lettering would be smaller than that of the previous tenant.

Ms. Khoory mentioned that a standardized signage plan had been considered at a previous meeting. Mr. McCauley referred to the previous plan presented to the Board.

Mr. Soliva recommended that the applicant return to the Board when renovation of the façade takes place to ensure that the signage be compatible with the new facade.

Mr. Skolnick motioned to accept DRB-21-05 -161 Linden Street #105 – Spartan Safe – Sign, as presented. Ms. Khoory seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Lin-aye, Khoory-aye, Skolnick-aye, Soliva-aye

DRB-21-06 S – 180 Linden Street – Custom Ink – Sign and Awning

Present: Rich Pretorius of Pretorius Electric & Sign Co., LLC

Mr. Pretorius presented the proposed signage plan and provided detail regarding the color of the awning, the modification of door and banner signage.

Ms. Dinsmoor noted that the facade at 180 Linden Street would be changing. Mr. Soliva commented that when renovation of the facade takes place, the applicant will come back before the Board. The applicant concurred.

Mr. Skolnick motioned to accept DRB-21-06 S – 180 Linden Street – Custom Ink – Sign and Awning as presented, with the removal of door vinyl “C” to be replaced with door vinyl “D.” Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 5-0; Lin-aye, Khoory-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Skolnick-aye, Soliva-aye

Review ATM Articles

Mr. McCauley confirmed that the DRB guidelines would be presented at Fall Town Meeting instead of the Spring Annual Town Meeting, as many considerations need further development.

Mr. McCauley recommended that the Sustainable Energy Committee be invited to a DRB meeting in the near future.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Soliva adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED – 4/14/21