

Minutes of the April 27, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Design Review Board

WELLESLEY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING

Design Review Board Present:

Chair Jose Soliva, Vice Chair Juann Khoory, Sheila Dinsmoor

Absent: Iris Lin, Amir Kripper

Staff Present: Planning Director Don McCauley, Planner Emma Coates

Call to Order:

Mr. Soliva called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call was taken: Soliva-present, Khoory-present, Dinsmoor-present

Citizens Speak – Public Comment on Matters not on the agenda

No comments were brought before the Board.

New and/or Continued Applications

DRB-22-17 M - 141 Linden Street (Continued from 4/13/22)

Mr. Soliva motioned to continued DRB 22-17 M – 141 Linden Street, to May 11, 2022. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0; Khoory-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Soliva-aye.

PSI-22-01 - 293 Weston Road - Town of Wellesley PSI - Hardy School – PSI Application

Mr. Soliva motioned to continue PSI-22-01 for Hardy School, to May 25, 2022. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0; Khoory-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Soliva-aye.

PSI-22-02/DRB-22-14 M - 93 Worcester Street – PSI Application

Mr. Soliva motioned to continue PSI-22-02/DRB-22-14 M - 93 Worcester Street, to May 11, 2022. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0; Khoory-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Soliva-aye.

DRB-22-18 S 99 Central Street – Sign Application

Present: Timothy Barker, Fastsigns

Mr. Barker detailed the sign application.

Mr. Soliva inquired about the background of the sign. Mr. Barker replied that the background would match the color of the building.

Mr. Soliva asked about the frame of the awning. Mr. Barker replied, the frame would be removed.

Ms. Khoory inquired about the size of the sign, and the location of the sign

Ms. Dinsmoor commented on the thickness of the sign, with the border.

Mr. Soliva stated it would look better if the black line of the frame was eliminated.

Mr. Barker inquired if it would be possible to make the sign one-quarter inch thick. Ms. Khoory responded it would be fine to do so.

Ms. Khoory motioned to accept DRB-22-18 S – 99 Central Street, as presented, with recommendation: to remove the black border, to increase the thickness of the sign; match background to the color of the façade, to center the sign on the door, and lower the placement of the sign. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye, Soliva-aye.

DRB 22-19 S - 84 Central Street – Sign Application

Present: Heather Dudko, National Sign Corporation

Ms. Dudko highlighted aspects of the sign the proposal, stating that the present sign would be reused.

Ms. Dudko reported the developer had not applied for a permit at this time, and the application was premature.

Mr. Soliva stated signage is all about context, which has not been established at this time.

Ms. Dudko inquired if the logo on the present sign, could be reused even though it exceeds today's height restriction. Mr. McCauley replied in the negative, as signs are not grandfathered in.

The application was withdrawn.

Town Meeting Follow-up

Mr. McCauley reported all of the Planning Board articles passed at Town Meeting, including the three sustainability motions.

Adjourn

Ms. Khoory motioned to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 3-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye, Soliva-aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED – Wednesday, May 25, 2022