

*Minutes of the June 14, 2023
Regular Meeting of the Design Review Board*

WELLESLEY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023, 6:30 PM
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING

Design Review Board Present: Chair Juann Khoory, Vice-Chair Iris Lin, Sheila Dinsmoor

Staff Present: Senior Planner Emma Coates, Planner Brad Downey

Call to Order:

Ms. Khoory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call:

Ms. Khoory-present, Ms. Lin-present, Ms. Dinsmoor-present

Citizens Speak – Public Comment on Matters not on the agenda

No Comments

Interview with prospective Board Member

Ms. Khoory motioned to move the interview with the DRB candidate to the next DRB meeting on 6/28/23. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye

New and/or Continued Applications

DRB-23-23 S – 462 Washington Street – Center for Family Empowerment

Present: Steven R., FastSigns

Ms. Khoory indicated there was excessive text within the proposed signage.

Ms. Lin noted that the space between the bottom line could be moved to allow for a greater margin.

Ms. Dinsmoor stated the lettering should be reduced.

Ms. Khoory added that the size of the logo needed to be reduced.

Ms. Lin motioned to approve DRB-23-23 – S - Sign Application for Center for Family Empowerment, as presented; with the following recommendations: “The Center for Family Empowerment” should be scaled down to allow for a larger margin on top and the lettering for “Therapy for Children, Teens and Parents” should move up to allow for a larger margin on the bottom. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye

DRB-23-24 M - 78 Benvenue Street - Tenacre Country Day School - Major Construction

Present: Keri DiLeo, Project Manager, Scalora Consulting; John Harden, Project Leader, Olsen-Lewis; Will Crissman, Head of School; Wayne Violette, Senior Landscape Architect

Mr. Harden provided project details, noting that technology spaces would be added to the school.

Mr. Harden stated that the student population would not be increased with the addition. He explained that the proposed building would have a barn-like architectural style, in keeping with the campus.

Ms. Khoory commented about the existing house being preserved and relocated on the site. Mr. Harden explained the historical value of the existing home, and how it would fit into the campus.

Mr. Crissman commented that the existing Appledore House would be set back from the street in consideration of student safety, when moving between buildings.

Ms. Khoory commented that the main entrance to the new building is somewhat unclear. Mr. Harden stated the building has a small footprint which minimizes certain elements.

Ms. Khoory stated the window adjacent to the sundial was too large.

Ms. Dinsmoor stated the sundial should be more dominating.

Ms. Lin stated the gable over the back stairs is too small when compared to the front gable.

Mr. Violette provided details of the landscape plan.

Mr. Crissman stated we are attempting to expand the academic experience through the building which provides a link to the orchard, which will become an outdoor learning space.

Ms. Lin stated a change of material or widening the walkway will help to make it the main circulation path.

Ms. Khoory motioned to continue DRB-23-24 M - 78 Benvenue Street - Tenacre Country Day School - Major Construction, to the next meeting of the DRB on 6/28/23. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Khoory-aye, Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye.

LHR-23-02 84 Washburn Avenue

Ms. Khoory motioned to continue LHR-23-02 – 84 Washburn Avenue, to the next DRB meeting on 6/28/23. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Lin-aye, Khoory-aye.

Adjourn

Ms. Lin motioned to adjourn the DRB meeting. Ms. Khoory seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Lin-aye, Khoory-aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023