

## **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**August 12, 2015**

36 Bartlet Street

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room B

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were members Craig Gibson, Eric Daum, and Paul Maue. Ms. Korschun submitted suggestions to Mr. Gibson.

#### **SIGN APPLICATIONS**

##### **26 Essex Street, 26 Essex Street, LLC**

DRB-15-16

The applicant proposed a maroon color panel at the entrance with a white "26". The current signage will be removed. They intend to put the three tenant's names in 6" black letters on the new siding, projecting about 3/4 inch. It will align with the coursing positioned at eye level. The DRB suggested that the letters be raised on a cement board siding course for better visibility. Ms. Korschun suggested using a simpler font than proposed. The applicant noted that they are using stock fonts. They will look at the options suggested.

Mr. Daum motioned to approve the application as submitted with the recommendation that consideration be given to alternate fonts as suggested by graphic designer Suzanne Korschun.

Mr. Maue seconded the motion.

All in favor (3-0)

##### **Shaban's of Andover, 9 Main Street**

DRB-15-17

Mr. Catalbas presented the application. There is a fascia board where the main sign will be located with an additional vertical sign located on a raised panel on the side of the window. Ms. Korschun suggested that they use a smart quote on the word "Men's". The vertical sign "Tailor Shop" is considered a second sign that would require a Zoning Board of Appeals approval. The board suggested placing the words on the windows. A blade sign was also suggested. The applicant likes the clean look on the top and was not sure where to install a blade sign.

Mr. Daum motioned to approve the application as submitted for the large sign centered in the fascia noting that the "Tailor Shop" raised panel sign to the north of the entry is not compliant with the code. He also recommended that the applicant return with a design for a blade sign.

Mr. Maue seconded the motion.

All in favor (3-0)

##### **Café Nero, 77 Main Street**

DRB15-18

Mr. Bruce Kitter and Atty. Mark Johnson presented the application. Café Nero is a large European chain with locations in Boston. They are hoping to open in Andover in 2015. They have submitted an application to the ZBA for outdoor seating and take out. They will have

indoor and outdoor seating, four seats outside with metal railings on three sides, entering and exiting through the café only. They will install more glass on the building.

The Café Nero standard for signage is a 10" valance with 8" lettering on the valance. There was discussion regarding the size of the signage and awning. The board suggested a flat attached sign in place of the awning on the side of the building or a steeper pitch on the awning to make it more visible. It is currently proposed at 3' 6" on the wall. The applicant prefers the awning which is their standard.

Mr. Daum moved to approve the application as submitted with recommendation for additional signage on the south side of the building above the corner window which could be an awning with larger "Café Nero" lettering and the lettering on the valance falls within the 6" maximum requirement.

Mr. Maue second the motion

All in favor (3-0)

Mr. Johnson requested a memo to the Zoning Board of Appeals from the DRB regarding the approval and changes.

Mr. Johnson asked that the DRB consider coordinating meetings with the Zoning Board of Appeals schedule.

## **DISCUSSION**

There was discussion on the historic property at 16 Fairfax Drive (aka 61 Argilla Road). The Preservation Commission will be doing a site view.

The board discussed the housing project at 459 River Road. The placement of the single family dwellings close to the large building creates a scale problem. The Preservation Commission would like to see pieces of the building, possibly the porch columns preserved.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Design Review Board for August 12, 2015 was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti D'Agata