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Design Review Board Minutes
December 14, 2010
Regular Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Gray called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members were present: Rita Bond, William Gardner, John Stewart, John Carroll, Rick Schoenhardt, and Anthony Drapelick. Also present was Howard Beach, Environmental Compliance Officer.

II. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Commissioner Gray appointed Commissioner Carroll to serve in the absence of Chairman Dahlquist and Commissioner Bond to serve in the absence of Commissioner Stephenson.

III. PRESENTATION(s), DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE

a. Application of Richard Fish, Owner, Clyde Grindal, Falcon Sign and Awning Company, Agent, for Signage for Little Mazon Pizza on property located at 1362 Hopmeadow Street. B-2 Zone

Mr. Grindal, Falcon Sign and Awning Company, stated that this application is for the small sign at the end of the building. This proposed sign does meet the requirements. He stated that the front sign is a replacement sign, which is not a part of this application. Mr. Beach stated that there is no unified sign plan for this property.

Commissioner Carroll stated that it would be helpful if the Board had a photograph of the whole building. He asked that this comment be inserted on the checklist in the comment section for signage.

Commissioner Gray reviewed the application with the Board members in terms

of the Design Review Board checklist.

Commissioner Stewart stated that he feels the parameter of the sign is too square. He believes it would be more harmonious if the sign was more rectangular. Mr. Grindal stated that the proposed sign is an oval shape. The rectangle shape is not a part of this sign design.

Mr. Grindal stated that the material for the proposed sign on the front of the building will be painted aluminum. The sign on the side of the building, which is part of this application, will be painted PVC.

Commissioner Gray questioned if there was any lighting associated with this application. Mr. Grindal stated that the sign on the front of the building will have recessed lighting, which will point down to the sign. The light source will be shielded from the street. The other sign will not be lit.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion that, regarding the application of Richard Fish, Owner, Clyde Grindal, Falcon Sign and Awning Company, Agent, for Signage for Little Mazen Pizza on property located at 1362 Hopmeadow Street, the following referral be made to the Zoning Commission: the Design Review Board finds this application generally consistent with the Guidelines for Community Design and recommends approval. It is noted that the sign material is PVC and the colors are as per the application. Also, this sign is not lit. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

IV. DISCUSSION

Simsbury Meadows Barn

Mr. Beach stated that Mr. Sawitzke will be speaking to the Board regarding the Simsbury Meadows Barn. He stated that this is a rebuild of what was existing prior to the fire.

Mr. Sawitzke stated that the original barn was clapboard. He stated that the barn is an essential element of the facility. After some discussion, the Board decided that they would like the barn building to be red vertical siding.

Simsbury Center Code Revisions

Mr. Beach stated that the consultant was in Town for the start of the Route 10 study. Mr. Peck met with the consultant at that time regarding the Town Center Code. The consultant will be back to Simsbury in February in

connection with the Charrette process for the Route 10 Study. Mr. Beach stated that further revisions have been made to the Code in order to be consistent with Connecticut State Law.

Retail Signature Buildings or Commercial Branding Guidelines

There was no report.

CRCOG Route 10 Charrette scope and schedule

Mr. Beach stated that the Route 10 Study began on December 7th. The group took a tour of the sites along Route 10. Mr. Beach stated that the scope of this project is from the Avon Town line to Wolcott Road. He stated that out of this study, recommendations will be made specifically in terms of traffic. Also, there will be a small Charrette that will take place during the first week of February, 2011.

Future projects pending review

Commissioner Stewart questioned if the developers would still be adding onto the Fitzgerald's building as well as construction for retail space. Mr. Beach stated that the project is still moving forward with the bump out, although there is still no firm commitment from the bank.

Mr. Beach stated that there is a concept for the Herlihy property across from the Town Hall. This project shows plans for a commercial building on the front portion of the property, platform parking in the middle with residential buildings in the back.

Regarding Dorsett Crossing, Mr. Beach stated that there is a new plan that the developer is looking to move forward with, although he is unsure of the new layout for that project.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

There were none.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of November 23, 2010

Commissioner Carroll made a motion to approve the November 23, 2010 minutes as written. Commissioner Drapelick seconded the motion, which was approved. Commissioners Gray and Bond abstained.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Drapelick seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.