

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

8:00 pm

Present: Lawrence, Brown, Castell, Gadsden, Greene, Groppa, Hughes, Macdonald
Staff: Keating

1. ARB #4-2011

First County Bank, 1006 Boston Post Rd.
Proposing 2 wall signs

Ray McClelland from A to Z Signs, Norwalk, presented the 2 new signs, which are conforming replacement signs, with 10" logo and 5" letters. The background of the signs is teal, with raised white letters in Garamond font. The Board approved the signs with the request that the signs be reduced by 2" all around to give more space and air to the brick surround.

2. ARB #5-2011

Planet Pizza, 879 Boston Post Rd,
Request for outdoor dining

Richard Girouard, restaurant consultant, presented the request for outdoor dining in the garden area, with 1 square table, 2 picnic tables, 1 bench and 1 round trash receptacle, items to be constructed of steel, painted black, with a plastisol protective coating. The Board was concerned that the requested furniture did not go with the formality of the garden, and asked Mr. Girouard to come up with alternatives.

3. ARB #6-2011

Burgers Shakes and Fries, 800 Boston Post Rd.
Request for outdoor dining

Lance Kasak, one of the owners, and Kory Wollins presented the request for 6 picnic tables for outdoor dining to be located between brick columns, 3 tables each side of the doorway. The Board discussed the type of material to be used for the legs, preferring cedar to pressure-treated material. The material for the tabletop will be trec, which is plastic, the color of wood. The Board requested that the color of the top and legs be the same. Mr. Kasak will do further research and forward some choices to the Board, matching the colors of the legs and top.

5. ARB #8-2011

The Depot, 25 Heights Rd.
Requesting sign to replace a former sign

Janice Marzano, Program Director for The Depot Youth Center, presented the request for a new hanging sign, with The Depot Youth Center in blue and the Depot emblem in

black. The sign will be 3ft.x2ft, with white background, white wooden post and black iron bracket. The Board suggested that the Depot use a 6”x 6” post rather than 4”x 4”.
Approved.

4. ARB #8-2011

Hunter Gregory Realty Co., Maplewood at Darien, 599 Boston Post Rd.
Proposed façade changes to former Mediplex Building

Michael Stein, Norwalk architect, and Greg Smith, Chairman of Maplewood Communities, proposed a renovation of the existing 3 story structure known as the Mediplex Building, converting it to a 66 unit assisted living facility. They will remove a 1 story cottage on the property for gardens and provide a new curb cut for drop-off. The new exterior materials include a stone veneered base, shingle siding, and fiber-glass shingle roofing. All rooftop mechanical equipment will be screened by the decorative roof-scape. Alternatives being considered include a slate roof, natural cedar siding, natural stone. Final choice of materials will be sent to the Board shortly. There will be a lantern in the entry, possibly with a gas flame, and path lights – low- in the garden.
Conceptually approved.

6. Approval of minutes

The minutes for January 18, 2011, were approved as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Groppa