

Medway Design Review Committee
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Design Review Committee
May 20, 2013 @ 7pm

Approved June 3 2013

Members in attendance: Matt Buckley, Julie Fallon, Rachel Walsh, Karyl Spiller Walsh, Rod MacLeod, Mary Weafer

Absent with notice:

Absent without notice: Bruce Hamblin

Nonmembers present: Richard DiIulio, Craig Olson, Brian Winter, Jason Shea, Karen Johnson

Location: Medway Public Library

Call to order

- With a quorum, this meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes

- With amendments, the minutes from April 22 and May 6 were approved.

New Member

- Brian Winter is interested in becoming a member of the DRC. He has an art background and has owned a sign shop.

Tri Valley Discussion

- Matt is attending the next Planning Board Meeting with TriValley to discuss the comments from the DRC.

Sign Design Review – Crossfit Tri-Valley with Jason Shea

- There are 6 different designs shown to the committee. DRC is very happy with the new designs. The business is called Apecs and is franchised by Cross Fit. Cross Fit Tri Valley needs to be on the sign because of legal issues. DRC thinks it is a huge improvement from the last signs.
- Crossfit applicant was pleased with DRC process. He was happy with DRC to learn that he could have a temporary sign and he could become a part of the process.
- DRC will write an LOR.

Site Plan and Sign Review – Starbucks Drive thru window proposal with Karen Johnson

- Karen went back to the architect to discuss the DRC comments and concerns. An elevation was shown to the DRC.
- Applicant looked at Karyl's suggestion from last meeting of adding a birch tree and low shrubs to extend the landscaping along the sides.
- Drawings of two of their other buildings were shown that has seasonal plantings in the outdoor seating areas that they will be replicating at Starbucks.
- Rachel questioned the concrete boxes that the seasonal plantings were in. She asked if there was another option for this.
- Matt feels like there should be more of a screening to the outside seating. Applicant said that they could look at making the landscaping more. They would like to see larger shrubs to visually break everything up.
- Karyl suggested a planting wall instead of the planter boxes.
- Rachel thinks that there should significant landscaping screening between the drive up order box and seating area.
- Craig thinks that there should be different types of planters instead of the concrete planters. This could possibly be used throughout the complex.
- There is one sign on the building. Starbucks would like to put the second sign on the other side of the building.
- Karen discussed the appearance of the order board and signs. The Starbucks representative will come in to discuss all the signs.
- Screening for the electrical meaning was discussed. Starbucks needs to have the bump out because of the electric and gas. They would like to hide this with a fence which will allow the utilities companies to get to the utilities. The fence will be a white vinyl fence.
- The bollards were discussed. Matt suggested finding a fence post that could go over the bollards to hide them.
- DRC would like to see higher shrubs to screen the seating area and drive thru area.
- DRC thinks applicant should eliminate green space and add higher shrubs.
- Applicant will extend patio, look for better placement for planters, look for screening, and think of a way to combine bollards with fence.
- Applicant is going to Planning and Economic Board on June 11 with this site plan. After this, Starbucks will come back to DRC with all the sign designs which will be a different application.
- An LOR will be written for the site plan.

Map Kiosk Discussion

- An elevation of the map kiosk was shown. DRC thinks the kiosk is too tall. The proportions are off. The roof should only be a short distance from the sign. The appropriate height should be less than 7 ft (currently 10 ft). Craig changed the drawing on the computer to illustrate what the DRC thinks the kiosk should look like. DRC would like to see it in a brown color.

Thayer Homestead Discussion

- Karyl reminded the committee that the existing fireplace was discussed to make more a more useful space and the plans have not reflected this. The fireplace was suppose to be taken out of building but hasn't been.

Choate Park Discussion

- The lighting was discussed for the bridge. DRC thinks lighting should be like the 109 projects and the Thayer Homestead project.
- DRC will come up with ideas of lighting plans and show to Town. DRC will find images of lighting plans and ask Dave D'Amico to come to a meeting.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be Monday June 3, 2013.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Jillian Morley
Night board Secretary