

Minutes from the Village of Bronxville's Design Review Committee Meeting

Date: September 7, 2022

From: Cristina Battista, Secretary to the Planning & Zoning Board

Subject: Minutes, September 7, 2022, DRC

Minutes of Regular Meeting Design Review Committee Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Present: Neal Stufano, DRC
Marisa Sheumack, DRC
Nina Evison, DRC (Virtually)
Cristina Battista, Secretary to the Planning and Zoning Board
Jose Casher, Neptune Signs for Henrys
Joseph Castaldo, Iona University
Anne Kline, Attorney for Iona University
Michael Smeriglio, Vice President of Facilities and Campus Operations for Iona University
Patricia Knox, Etoile
Mike Ramlagan, Mike's Awnings

Absent: Paul Taft, Building Inspector

Approval of the Minutes

On the motion of Ms. Marisa Sheumack, second by Ms. Nina Evison, the committee approved the minutes from the July 6, 2022, meeting THREE in favor and ZERO against.

Awning Approval – 32 Parkway Rd – Henrys

Mr. Jose Casher from Neptune Sign's applied for a new awning at the above address. He explained to the Committee what is being proposed. The awnings will be a solid black with the company name in gold with white outline with two different fonts.

The Committee discussed the application and color of the lettering being used for the awning. The Committee was in agreement that the "Beyond Ordinary" should be removed from the awning and the word "Henrys" should remain in gold only and the "H" should not be larger than 12 inches.

On the motion of Ms. Nina Evison, second by Ms. Marisa Sheumack, the Design Review Committee voted to recommend approval of this application THREE in favor and ZERO against as submitted subject to removing "beyond ordinary" from the awning and Henrys should remain only gold with no letters larger than 12 inches.

Sign Approval – 182 White Plains Rd – Iona - Stein Hall

Ms. Anne Kline, Attorney for Iona University requested approval for a banner at Stein Hall. She stated that prior approval was given at the March Design Review Committee meeting, but Iona has changed from Iona College to Iona University.

The Committee spoke about the allowed number of signs and what currently exists. Mr. Neal Stufano spoke about signs that are currently on the light posts and stated that the Committee cannot review this sign application until the applicant agrees to remove the additional signs on the light posts since they were not previously approved. He stated that the applicant should speak to the Planning Board about the current number of signs on the property.

Mr. Michael Smeriglio stated that they will remove the signs on the light posts and would like to move forward with the application as submitted.

On the motion of Ms. Marisa Sheumack, second by Ms. Nina Evison, the Design Review Committee voted to recommend this application THREE in favor and ZERO against as submitted subject to decreasing the size of the lettering of "Iona University" at the bottom of the banner, all banners on light posts need to be removed and recommends the applicant request approval from the Planning Board for the monument signs at the driveway entrance to be grandfathered in or require zoning board approval for these signs also.

Sign Approval – 187 White Plains Rd – Iona - Feth Hall Banners

Ms. Anne Kline, attorney for Iona University requested approval for two banners at Feth Hall. She stated that prior approval was given at the March Design Review Committee meeting, but Iona has changed from Iona College to Iona University.

Mr. Neal Stufano spoke about the number of signs that are currently on this property and the number of allowed signs. He stated that there are currently 6 signs, and they are allowed three total signs. He added that he recommends the applicant request approval from the Planning Board for the monument signs at the driveway entrance to be grandfathered in so they will not count towards the total allowed number of signs.

The Committee spoke about the size of the banners and the placement of the banners on the building. Mr. Stufano stated that he feels that the renderings are larger than the actual size of the banners making the application misleading. He spoke about the banners covering the limestone and beauty of the building.

Mr. Joseph Castaldo stated that the banners do not cover any turrets or architectural beauty of the building.

Ms. Anne Kline asked if they could resubmit new renderings and return to the Design Review Committee for approval.

The Committee stated that the new rendering be drawn to scale and resubmitted.

Sign Approval – 187 White Plains Rd – Iona - Feth Hall Lawn Sign

Ms. Anne Kline, attorney for Iona University requested approval for a lawn sign at Feth Hall. She stated that the sign will be a low-lit lawn sign that will be surrounded by perennials, shrubs and trees. She feels that this sign will tie in all the other signage on the property.

The Committee spoke about the dimensions of the sign. Mr. Stufano stated that this property is located in a residential area, and they must take that in to account when making a decision.

On the motion of Ms. Marisa Sheumack, second by Ms. Nina Evison, the Design Review Committee voted to not recommend this application to the Planning Board ZERO in favor and THREE against. The Committee stated their concerns for the amount of signage and lighting for the sign in a residential district.

Awning Approval – 5 Pondfield Rd – Etoile, Patricia Knox Designs

Ms. Patricia Knox, owner of Etoile, requested approval for an awning at the above address. She stated they will be recovering the existing awnings and changing the color from forest green to black with a white font.

The Committee discussed the awnings and spoke about how this store fronts two streets.

On the motion of Ms. Nina Evison, second by Ms. Marisa Sheumack, the Design Review Committee voted to recommend approval of this application THREE in favor and ZERO against.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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