



DESIGN REVIEW BOARD REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 - 7:30 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Katherine Crenshaw- Chair, Tom Hut, Oksana Berzinish, Rebecca Gelman, Melisa Hodge- Acting SOVCA Executive Director, Joycelyn White- Recording Secretary

Absent: John Evans- Vice Chair, Johnathan Weismeth

Also in attendance: Greer Patras-Zoning Official, Bruce Stieve, AIA

Old Business

Vose & Taylor Update

Mr. Stieve presented the amended site plan submitted to the Planning Board. Mr. Stieve added that on the front page of the package there is an image of the front of the building (facing South Orange Avenue) where the recommendations of the board were included. Such as, maintaining the brick detailing at the top of the building, unifying the windows on the facades, and introducing the new roof and building materials. The only changes that were made to the plans were that the South Orange Ave. facing units are now deeper, before it reflected the 3rd, 4th & 5th floors. Now the amended plans include just the 5th floor and a small change to a unit. Per request at the last meeting, Mr. Stieve spoke to the developer and has agreed to extend the brick to the back of the building. The board discussed the height of the building, brick samples, metal materials, lighting, signage and retail vacancies.

Lackawanna & Valley Redevelopment Plan

Mrs. Patras met with the applicants to dissect the feedback from the public and both committees. Mrs. Patras highlighted that the architectural corner was removed, and will appear as a normal storefront. The applicants would like to have a faster turnaround with the RDA but the administration is putting it on hold until all concerns are addressed and reflected graphically. The board discussed the use and size of the building.

**Buzzing Bee's Academy- 31 3rd Street**

The board reviewed the sign renderings options. After discussing the options, the board agreed to approve the second rendering with less text.

Little Stages- 14 South Orange Avenue

The board discussed window treatments for privacy for children and the color of the building. The board agreed to have 25% coverage on the windows, not solid but transparent, and allowing them to have some type of curtain detail to comply with the ordinance.

Discussion/Follow Up/Action Items**Discuss Future Monthly DRB Meeting Dates**

The board will further discuss the new meeting date due to scheduling conflicts. Ms. Crenshaw will circulate a poll to finalize the dates.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary