

Design Review Board
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9:00 a.m.
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Those present were:

Stuyvesant Wainwright III, Chairman
James H. McMullan, Vice Chairman
C. Sherrill Dayton, Member
Maureen Bluedorn, Member
Elizabeth Baldwin, Village Attorney
Robert J. Hefner, Village Director of Historic Services
Alexandra Niemeyer, Agent on behalf of The Little
Bruce A.T. Siska, Architect on behalf Aberdeenshire, LLC
Pamela J. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and the following official business was discussed:

Chairman Report on Outdoor Display/Signage

Mr. Wainwright: I will call to order the meeting of the Design Review Board. Since our last meeting the only sign that we have had with respect to trying to increase sales, business, etc. in the Village is actually for the LVIS which is a sign they have requested really having to do with masks.

Minutes

Mr. Wainwright: Having said that, the minutes of the July 7th meeting have been distributed, are there any questions, comments, if not, I would appreciate a motion to approve them.

Mr. Dayton: I make a motion.

Ms. Bluedorn: Seconded.

Mr. Wainwright: All in favor?

Mr. Dayton: Aye.

Mr. McMullan: Aye.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you.

The Little East Baby Kids Home – Premises of L.W.L., LLC –
27 Newtown Lane – SCTM #301-3-4-12

Mr. Wainwright: Then we have, the next item on the agenda is the Little East Baby Kids Home.

Ms. Niemeyer: Yes, hi.

Mr. Wainwright: Just introduce yourself and tell us what you would like to do.

Ms. Niemeyer: Yes, so my name is Alexandra Niemeyer, I just recently opened The Little at 23 Newtown Lane, we are a baby and children's clothing store. We signed a two-year lease with option for four so hopefully we will be around for a little while. My husband and I are actually, we just bought a new place on Osborne so we are really excited to be a part of the Village and in the Village community with the business and then also raise our kids there. So I have, I am sure you guys are familiar with the property, it is slightly challenging being that it is tucked back a little bit and just like with this year and overall aesthetics we would really like to place five planters down the alleyway just to help, one, there are exposed pipes and drainage and different things that we would love to cover up so that it does not look as, looks slightly deserted or kind of an afterthought right now, the previous tenant Katherine Tess and then Beauty Counter before that, they had some pots out there, so there were also some, the sidewalk is a little bit stained where those were left, so just to help overall aesthetics in the Village without walkway and then to increase foot traffic to the store is really why we would love to have the planters approved and placed there. We sourced some from Marder's and from Wittendale's and then we are going to locally source all of the flowers so that it is kind of like full circle with the community too.

Mr. Wainwright: And I do not have the sheet in front of me but as I recall there are five planters down...

Ms. Niemeyer: Yes, five, and they had five or six there I believe so it is similar to what Katherine Tess had done.

Mr. Wainwright: And you realize there is no signage or anything to go in these planters.

Ms. Niemeyer: No, it is completely aesthetic, just planters with some tasteful, most likely white, to go with the building but white flowers, just white and green so we can keep it neutral.

Ms. Bluedorn: So, you are having Marder's and Whitmore's and maybe Buckley's or something, they are going to do the planters for you?

Ms. Niemeyer: We will probably end up doing them ourselves, we might get them to do them but we are definitely going to source the flowers and all of the materials from local, Wittendale's is where we have been going a lot, so places that are in the Hamptons or in East Hampton specifically.

Mr. Wainwright: Bob, do you have any questions or comments?

Mr. Hefner: No, I do not.

Mr. McMullan: I do not have any problem with this, I would make a motion to approve.

Mr. Dayton: Second.

Mr. Wainwright: Is there a second?

Ms. Bluedorn: Second.

Mr. Wainwright: All in favor?

Mr. Dayton: Aye.

Mr. McMullan: Aye.

Ms. Bluedorn: Aye.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you and good luck.

Ms. Niemeyer: Thank you so much. Stop by the store if you guys are in town.

Ms. Bluedorn: I have a grandchild so...

Ms. Niemeyer: Oh great, grandparents have been very good to us this year. Thank you.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you.

Aberdeenshire, LLC – 29 Huntting Lane – SCTM #301-3-8-5

Mr. Wainwright: The next item on the agenda is Aberdeenshire, LLC, 29 Huntting, better known as the nursing home. Bruce?

Mr. Siska: Good morning all, Bruce Siska, architect for 29 Huntting Lane. Basically, we are just looking to increase the width of the existing garage door on the back, southwest garage structure to increase it from nine feet to 16 feet, same style door just sort of stretched out keeping the trim details for the casing on the garage door, not affecting any of the existing windows just basically making the opening wider. That is it.

Mr. Wainwright: Bruce, are there not two doors, are there not two bays existing now?

Mr. Siska: No, there is just one bay, there is just that one garage door.

Mr. McMullan: It shows a nine-foot opening and it is going to 16 feet?

Mr. Siska: Correct. For the central bay in the middle, Stuyvie.

Mr. Wainwright: But I thought there were, there are no other doors, this is the only...

Mr. Siska: This is the only door, it is right in the middle of the building.

Mr. Wainwright: Okay, I guess I am thinking next door, the Parkers, had two doors.

Mr. Siska: Right, no this is just one door.

Ms. Bluedorn: Is the building expanding too or is it just the door opening?

Mr. Siska: It is just the door opening. It is basically so they can get two cars in instead of one.

Ms. Bluedorn: I got it.

Mr. Siska: You have to sort of splay the cars out and the door needs to get a little bit wider.

Mr. McMullan: I do not have a problem with it at all.

Mr. Hefner: I think this is a reasonable request. I mean this is a beautiful carriage house but now it should be used, be able to be used as a garage to be functioning. I can see the need, the wider door to get two cars in there. It is a sensitive addition, the doors are wide front gable, it is about as wide as you could make it without being too much. I think overall the integrity and appearance of the carriage house is still there but it is adapted to being converted into a garage, two-car garage instead of a one-carriage.

Mr. Wainwright: This was moved back at one point, was it not, Bob?

Mr. Hefner: I do not think so, no, I think that is where it always was.

Mr. Wainwright: Always was, all right.

Mr. Hefner: I think so, most of them are back there, tucked in the corner.

Mr. McMullan: It is in that back left corner, right Bob?

Mr. Hefner: Yes, it is way back, very close to both property lines. We are asking these people to maintain these carriage houses in the Historic District so it is reasonable to allow an adapting of use so they can now use it as a garage, two cars instead of one, it seems like a reasonable change.

Mr. McMullan: I would make a motion that we would approve.

Ms. Bluedorn: Second.

Mr. Dayton: Second.

Mr. Wainwright: Maureen, you just seconded it?

Ms. Bluedorn: I just seconded it.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you, any questions or comments?

Mr. Dayton: No.

Mr. Wainwright: All approved say aye.

Mr. Dayton: Aye.

Mr. McMullan: Aye.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you, Bruce.

Mr. Siska: Thanks guys. See you all.

Mr. Wainwright: Are there any questions?

Mr. McMullan: I have one question. I have been noticing that Hello Oma which is on, I guess it is off of Railroad and over by the old Laundry. They have been having bicycles and stuff that they put out every morning in the parking spaces. There is one that is like a regular two-wheel bicycle and then there is one that has a...

Mr. Dayton: A little box on it.

Mr. McMullan: A little refrigerator box on it.

Mr. Dayton: I have seen that.

Mr. McMullan: I do not know if that...

Mr. Wainwright: Are they renting them out?

Mr. McMullan: What is that?

Mr. Wainwright: Are they renting them out?

Mr. McMullan: Not that I know of, they sit there all day. One of them does not even have a set of handlebars on it.

Mr. Wainwright: That makes it tough to...

Mr. Dayton: Tough to ride.

Mr. McMullan: I do not know if they are keeping them there just to keep the space open so nobody parks in front of it or if it is a kind of an advertisement because they look very similar to Khanh's bicycles that he rents out. It is the same bicycles every day.

Ms. Bluedorn: Is that a legal parking space that is being blocked?

Mr. McMullan: Yes.

Ms. Baldwin: I think Code Enforcement has been looking into this and have contacted the town's, Brian Lester to see about any issues concerning one of the parked bikes in a parking space along with, is it outdoor display and everything so I believe this issue is being looked into.

Mr. McMullan: Great.

Mr. Wainwright: Thanks Beth.

Ms. Baldwin: You are welcome.

Mr. Dayton: I thought that was a delivery bike.

Mr. McMullan: It looked like it.

Mr. Wainwright: It probably was once upon a time. Anything else to come before us?

Ms. Bluedorn: How are we doing with like parking, I am just wondering from a perspective of the town business picking up. Stuyvie, do you know if the business is picking up?

Mr. Wainwright: I think business is picking up. I was in the Reutershan parking lot the other day and could not find a place to park...

Ms. Bluedorn: Yes, I was there once and it was full.

Mr. Wainwright: I changed my shopping habit that day and went someplace else.

Ms. Bluedorn: Well it is summer.

Mr. Wainwright: Unfortunately, I do not think we are going to have tumbleweed Tuesday this year with school enrollment and everything else is any sign. If there is nothing else, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Mr. McMullan: I will make that motion.

Mr. Dayton: I will second.

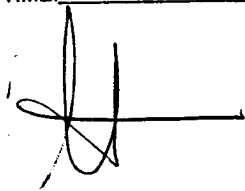
Mr. Wainwright: All in favor?

Mr. Dayton: Aye.

Mr. McMullan: Aye.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you. One of these days we will get to meet in person but I guess we should not be holding our breath.

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