

Architectural Review Board  
Darien, Connecticut  
Minutes  
April 21, 2015

Members present: Lawrence, Browne, Castell, Gadsden, Macdonald  
Staff present: Keating

The meeting was opened at 8:00 P.M.

**ARB #06-2015**

PAG Connecticut LRI, LLC, 1335 Boston Post Road, SB Zone  
Proposed Jaguar, Land Rover, Range Rover signage and façade change

Jacek Bigosinski, the architect, presented new façade details showing a quarter round stucco tower (Dryvit, color Tuscan Glaze) at the south corner facing the Boston Post Road. This would be for the Jaguar entrance. The north corner facing the Boston Post Road will be the Range Rover/Land Rover entrance and would have an aluminum green “chimney” with a shed roofed porch consisting of field stone post supports and natural wood posts, beams and rafters. On the north and south side elevations there will be new entrance portals also in stucco. The Board suggested those entrances be white or light gray, rather than the presented color (Dryvit, color Limestone).

The south tower signage will be a silver grey leaping Jaguar 4’8” long x 1’9” high, underneath it will be 8 1/4” high letters spelling “JAGUAR”. All Jaguar sign elements will be halo lit. The jaguar leaper height at 17’ was previously approved by the ZBA.

The north “chimney” will have the Land Rover logo on top with the Range Rover logo below. The Board suggested the Range Rover logo be halo lit and the Land Rover logo be internally lit. Mr. Bigosinski said these signs will be illuminated with external flood lights as approved by the ZBA initially, pending their approval for internal illumination for the Land Rover logo. If approved by the ZBA, the halo lighting and internal lighting would be activated and the flood lighting turned off.

The application was approved as presented with the suggested modifications.

**ARB #09-2015**

US Post Office, 30 Corbin Drive, CBD Zone  
Proposed replacement awning

The proposed blue awning will have white lettering on the valance. The Board suggested the awning might also include some red with the white and blue as presented and possibly also incorporate the US Postal Service logo. The Board approved the application.

**ARB #11-2015**

Town House, 37 Tokeneke Road, CBD Zone  
Proposed wall sign

Jennifer Borden, one of the owners of the store, presented a proposal for a new wall sign of painted aluminum with a navy background and 8" high purple letters. The Board suggested the sign be mounted on a white backboard, showing 3"-4" around the sign. The proposal was approved with modifications.

**ARB #10-2015**

KoKo's Café, 841 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone  
Proposed wall sign

Walter Martinez, the sign maker, presented a proposal for a 19 ½" high x 50" wide sign with 10" high burgundy acrylic letters spelling KoKo's with a beige ribbon below with smaller black letters spelling gelato & café. The sign will be applied to a white backboard. The proposal was approved.

There was a discussion of future blade signs for KoKo's Cafe and Post Corner Pizza to be projecting from the front wall of each storefront. The Board suggested a white background for the KoKo's sign, without the cup of coffee and gelato pictured. The Board requested images showing the storefronts and their relations to each other in order to understand the blade sign placement. Mr. Martinez will return next month with a formal application and final blade sign presentations for the Board's approval.

**Approval of Minutes**

The February 24, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.

**Other Business**

A proposal to restore the Darien Playhouse portico/marquee was discussed and the Board requested that a formal application be submitted before any work commences. The Board stressed the importance of clear professional documentation of the existing historic structure before any demolition is approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Timothy Macdonald*