

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

Members Present: Lawrence, Castell, Gadsden, Macdonald, Hughes, Groppa, Greene
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M.

ARB #31-2011
10 Center Street, CBD Zone

The new, revised hanging sign will be 16" high x 24" wide in black with white letters and gold border outline. The sign was approved as submitted.

ARB #2-2012
LinguaKids, 43 Tokeneke Road, CBD Zone

Jean-Louis Troch, the owner of LinguaKids presented a revised proposal for a new sign located within the arch above the entrance to the store. The Board suggested that the supporting members be L shaped brackets to attach on the underside of the brick arch, rather than the face. It was suggested that the brackets be painted black. The sign will have a yellow background with letters and a logo not to exceed 10" in height. The Board approved the revised signage, with recommendations, as submitted.

ARB #7-2012
Town of Darien, 2 Renshaw Road

Tom Arcari, of Quisenberry Arcari Architects, presented a proposal to renovate the current site of the Board of Education, to create a new community center (Mather Community Center) for the Town of Darien. The curb in front of the SE side of the building will be straightened with a new entrance canopy (with down lights within) with signage (18" high letters) above at the northeast corner of the building. A new patio will be adjacent to the new entrance.

On the west side there will be new one story addition near the entrance. On the south side there will be an egress patio. An alternate for a generator is proposed for the west side of the building. A terrace and garden alternate is also proposed for the northwest corner of the building. The lower portion of the east side of the building will be opened up to allow windows across the entire elevation.

A concern was raised about the brick matching and Mr. Arcari said a semi-transparent penetrating sealer is being considered to help even out the difference in coloration.

Mr. Arcari also stated an epoxy finish could also be applied to change the color of the building and the Board preferred that idea.

The new window system will be clear anodized fixed pane dual thermal glazing. There will be a straight metal railing and retaining wall on the east elevation.

On the north side of the building there will be a new aluminum doors and the asbestos panels will be painted. On the south side of the building there will be new aluminum doors inserted

into the existing glazing. On the west side of the building, there will be a new one story addition with new aluminum clerestory windows.

On the east entrance elevation a clear anodize aluminum lintel is proposed to be inserted across the first floor window and entrance. If the existing windows are to be refurbished, they will be repaired and painted to match the anodized aluminum. The Board would prefer that all of the old windows be replaced during the renovations.

The exiting screen on the roof will be utilized to screen new HVAC units. On the Darien Arts Center side there will be a new HVAC unit, which will not be higher than the existing exhaust fan on that roof.

There will be new bollard lights along the front walk way, at the new patio there will be edge lighting under the cap of the retaining wall.

The Board approved the designed alterations and changes.

ARB #6-2012

Exxon (former BP) gas station

1385 Boston Post Road, SB Zone

Currently there is an illuminated BP Logo on the canopy. The existing BP icon in the mansard canopy shall be removed and replaced with a new Exxon brand illuminated panel. The area behind the new panel shall be painted Exxon Red. The existing green band at the bottom edge of the canopy shall be painted Exxon White. The **additional signage still needs variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals** (ZBA) because a sign is not normally allowed on the canopy and because the lettering will exceed 10 inches in height. The Board approved the design of the sign subject, of course, to the applicant obtaining a variance from the ZBA.

Other Business: All members agreed to discuss:

KoKo Fitclub of Darien

Goodwives Shopping Center

25 Old Kings Highway North

Steve Power, owner of KoKo Fitclub, proposed a wood sign within the existing sign area with 10" lettering and logo to be raised plastic of a soft orange color on a white background. The Board approved the application as submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Macdonald