

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
November 27, 2012

Members Present: Lawrence, Castell, Gadsden, Hughes, Greene, Macdonald
Staff Present: Keating

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M.

ARB #33-2012

Bob Bantle, 365 Boston Post Road, DB-2 Zone
Modifications to building and signage.

Mr. Bantle, property owner, and Wilder Gleason, attorney, presented proposed plans for modifications to the building at 365 Boston Post Road. The building renovations are reliant on interpretation and actions taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The building will house office and retail space. The Board informally discussed siding and roofing materials and matters relating to the fenestration and signage. The applicants will return with refined plans after action is taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Board approved the direction in which the project was headed in improving the property.

ARB #18-2012

The Studio, 977-979 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
Proposed modifications of blade sign.

Demi Samlidis and George Tsionis, business co-owners, and Dan Dolcetti, property owner, proposed plans for a blade sign of white sunbrella material bracketed to the building at top and bottom. The sign will measure 2' x 3'4" and will display the logo and name of the business. The Board approved the plans as presented.

ARB #32-2012

JoyRide Darien LLC, 25 Old Kings Highway North (Goodwives Shopping Center), DC Zone
Proposed façade change, 2 wall signs and blade sign.

Robert Maslan, attorney, and Frederick Hoag, architect, presented a proposal for changes and signs. JoyRide will open in the space formerly occupied by the YMCA Gymnastics program. The concrete block façade of the building located at the rear of the center will be painted gray (sw7040) and the existing steel uprights will be painted orange (sw6664). A new glass entry door flanked by fixed glass panels and a six panel window of clear anodized aluminum framed storefront glass will be added to the façade.

A wall sign of 3" deep metal channel letters painted orange and 10" high. At the Board's recommendation, the logo would be 24" in diameter in lieu of the 10" proposed.

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A blade sign was proposed measuring 3' 1 3/4" x 11 1/4" and composed of 3" deep metal channel letters in the orange color, bracketed together and to the building. The blade sign was approved.

A second wall sign was discussed. The Board members suggested that the existing hanging panel at the front of the center be converted to a vertical panel sign affixed to the column at the far left of the shopping center. An arrow would indicate the location of JoyRide at the rear of the building. Design and dimensions of the sign would require approval of the ARB.

Proposed façade changes, wall sign over entrance and blade sign were approved as presented with the recommendation to increase logo size on wall sign to 24".

Informal Discussion of proposed Zoning Regulations Amendments

There was an informal discussion of possible amendments to the sign regulations. There was agreement that some changes should be considered and would be acted upon in the coming months.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Hughes

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