

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
JANUARY 19, 2010

Members present: Brown, Castell, Gadsen, Greene, Hughes, Lawrence, Macdonald

Staff present: Keating

ARB #1-2010

The Little Gym, 10 Corbin Drive

Proposing an awning with two signs on it and a blade sign. (Scroll bracket sign)

Erica Newman, Hoby Baker and Penny Glassmeyer presented. They proposed awnings to span the front of 10 Corbin Drive. The awning will be 64' long with a 15" projection. The projection will need Planning and Zoning approval. The letters spelling out THE LITTLE GYM will be 10" high in white vinyl lettering. The awning will be an all weather fabric RICACRIL in blue tweed R772.

A double sided hanging, blade type sign with THE LITTLE GYM corporate logo was also proposed. It will be placed on the middle door of the building which will be a stationary door. The proposed sign is 20" X 25" on a 30" long bracket. The bottom of the sign will be 84" above the sidewalk. The blade sign is painted white plywood with vivid blue vinyl lettering 10" high. The corporate logo will also be on the entrance door. (The original design had included the telephone number, but that design was not acceptable and was superseded.)

The blue awning with The Little Gym and the revised blade sign were approved.

ARB #30-2009

Whole Foods Market, 150-152 Ledge Road SB Zone

Applicant returning with specifics on signs, number of wall signs and position/height/letter size; also size of pole/monument sign.

Mark Mobley and Wilder Gleason presented.

Lighting under the eaves of the building for security and efficient illumination was proposed. The fixtures will be Eurotique Architectural Lighting #EM17RTACD.

Two sconces will be placed over the loading docks. Additional lighting will be placed at intervals along the cedar fence at the back edge of the property. These sconces will be placed below the fence line at 8' intervals. The specifications of the sconces are as follows: Lithonia Lighting Series TWL. The lighting was approved.

WHOLE FOODS is proposing three internally illuminated signs over the two gables and the entrance. They are also requesting one pole sign.

The proposed signs have letters 26.5" high with a 30" leaf logo.

ARB will not approve the two internally illuminated signs over the gables. WHOLE FOODS will return with specifics on the number of signs as well as letter height and placement. ARB approved

the concept of the internally illuminated letters over the entrance, but it will need a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The proposed pole sign will be placed 70' from the Post Road in the WHOLE FOODS parking lot. It will be internally illuminated with appropriate letter size. WHOLE FOODS will return with specifics on the size of the pole sign as well as letter height and placement of the sign in relation to the building and parking lot.

WHOLE FOODS also proposed a 6 foot long fish design stainless steel weathervane over the cupola. The proposed weathervane is a shad- the Connecticut state fish. It is not a logo or commercial symbol. It is an architectural feature, not a sign. It will be no larger than 6 feet long and will be in proportion to the cupola. The fish weathervane design was approved.

ARB #31-2009

Hawthorne Realty, 800 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone

Proposing a double face ground sign, 6' square on a single post with two crossarms.

Marty Rogers/Sign Design presented.

The proposed sign will be 24" x 36" with 4" letters for each tenant identification sign. The sign will be mounted in a masonry and brick foundation in the front of the building to facilitate pedestrian traffic. The entire sign and foundation will be 7' 3" in height. The ARB did not care, and thus, did not approve of the design.

ARB suggested a hanging or blade type sign affixed to one of the front brick pillars. The sign will be 7' off the sidewalk with a maximum of 7 square feet in size. The brackets will be wrought iron with stainless steel signage for a more modern design consistent with the design of the building.

Mr. Rogers said that the client will be contacted to discuss ARB suggestions and revisions.

ARB #2-2010

Pear Partners, 1077 Post Road, CBD Zone

Proposing modifications to the side door building and the chimney associated with the venting system. Also discussing overall signage for the new tenants and proposed site changes.

Dwight Collins of Pear Partners and Keith Helmetag C&G Partners presenting.

CAVA Restaurant will occupy the first floor, front, left portion of the Darien Playhouse building. They are proposing a new door where a window now exists on the courtyard side of the building. They will fill in above the door with a multipaned transom. An awning will be added over the door. The door will be a bronze anodized aluminum with glass. The long range plan is to change all of the doors to be consistent with the bronze anodized aluminum. The chimney and exhaust system were discussed. A ventilation shaft for CAVA Restaurant is proposed for their venting needs. AZAC trim to match the exterior was also proposed. The window and chimney designs were approved.

A discussion followed outlining ideas for the new Playhouse Mews. This area is the walkway from the Post Road to the parking lot at the rear of the Playhouse. Brick plank pavers for the walkway

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and seating areas were proposed. A grid of suspended cable lights crisscrossing the walkway and seating section was also discussed. There will also be greenscreen columns and greenscreen wall mounts. A sign kiosk with a seating plinth and trellised screening will identify the tenants. Awnings for the new businesses (CAVA, JOS. A. BANKS and RED DOOR SPA) will follow the concept of the existing PANERA awnings with colors and designs reflecting the specific businesses. No corporate logos will be used. Pear Partners will go to ZBA for approval to change the size of the RED DOOR SPA awnings as well as the size of the letters. PZC approval is needed for the pedestrian walkway area and lighting. The applicant will return to ARB with more details of all aspects of these projects.

ARB #23-2008

1292 Post Road, SB Zone.

Review of proposed revised plans for new building at 1292 Post Road.

Penny Glassmeyer and her team presented conceptual, artistic renderings of the proposed changes to the design of the building. The modifications are minor in scope. ARB approved the concept but requested that specific colors and materials be presented. Ms. Glassmeyer will return with specifics.

The ARB approved the draft minutes from September, October, November and December, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Greene

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