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Present: Dan Martin, Linda Wade, Tris Windle Absent: Deborah Kruskal, Frank Riepe

## **Citibank: Sign Application**

The Board met with Phil Wojtusik of Creative Dimensions

The application is for three wall mounted signs and either a backlit or unlit window sign to be hung inside of the building. The Board informed the applicant that the signs do not conform to the bylaw because they both exceed the total number allowed and exceed the maximum permitted square footage.

The application shows the building facade substantially different from the existing one. The Board and applicant were unsure as to whether the existing building facade or the one presented on the application will be the correct one. The Board recommended the applicant determine which facade is correct so as to determine the best location for the signs.

The Board advised the applicant to reduce the number of wall mounted signs to two, to reduce the total sign area of the three signs to 45 square feet, and to resubmit a conforming application that indicates the location of the signs on the appropriate facade.

The Board is also unsure as to whether the internally illuminated window sign is at all restricted given that the building is in a historic district, and requests input from the Historic Commission.

We did have a question about whether Historic Districts commission would have an issue with the small back lit window sign that Citibank is applying for that I am going to run past Frank. Also, they plan to resubmit a conforming plan for the Board to review at the next meeting, and we suggested that it would probably not be necessary for the applicant to drive up from Connecticut to attend in person given that he plans to address all of the issues that came up.

# **Clappers: Sign Application**

The Board met with Edward Andre of RMB Corp. and Matt Evangelous of Gemini Signs

The application is for a wall mounted sign that conforms to the bylaws. The applicant noted that the location indicated in a photo submitted with the application is incorrect, and that the sign will actually be mounted on the left side of the building below the second floor windows. The Board unanimously approved the sign and location.

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## Zen Massage Center: Sign Application

The Board met with Edward Andre of RMB Corp. and Matt Evangelous of Gemini Signs

The application is for a wall mounted sign that conforms to the bylaws. The Board unanimously approved the sign application.

### The Organic Mattress: Sign Application

The Board met with Edward Andre of RMB Corp. and Matt Evangelous of Gemini Signs

The application is for wall mounted primary and secondary signs that conform to the bylaws. The Board discussed lighting options for the sign. The application included gooseneck lights. Various members of the Board expressed concern with both the style of lights and their proximity to existing lights on the building. The Board unanimously approved the signs, but recommends that the applicant use ground lighting to illuminate the signs and building instead of wall mounted lights.

### Miscellaneous:

The Board reviewed revised plans for Sudbury Commons. The Board did not have access to the previous drawings, but the Board observed several changes to the landscape plan and to the patios. The Board is of the opinion that there may have been detrimental changes to the "lawn" area. The location of trees and the paths appear more formal than in the previous iteration. The members of the Board do not recall the trees lining the eastern side of the path on the East side of the lawn in such an ordered fashion. The Board also is of the opinion that there may have been more trees in scattered locations in the lawn. The Board believes that both of these changes are less desirable, and incongruous with the scattered nature of the lamp posts in the lawn area.

The Board also wonders about what appears to be both a stone wall and a post and rail fence at the northern end of the lawn. The Board recommends that only one border be used.

All other aspects of the drawings appeared acceptable.

The Board approved the minutes of 5/23/07.