



Town of Sudbury

Design Review Board

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Meeting Minutes May 10, 2023 Design Review Board

Meeting Format: Zoom Conference Call
Present: Chris Alfonso, Zack Blake and Katie McCue
Absent: Susan Vollaro and Jim Parker

Review of Proposed Signage

Applicant: Sudbury Rug & Home
81 Union Ave

Sudbury Rug & Home was represented by owner Nancy Salvin. Mr. Alfonso discussed the revised application and signage. Mr. Alfonso suggested cutting the posts down to sink them further into the ground to resolve the height compliance. Ms. Salvin then suggested lowering the mounting points on the post to bring into compliance. Mr. Alfonso outlined the height requirements as 28.8 inches or lower. He asked about the lighting to bring into Dark Sky compliance and Ms. Salvin agreed to remove the lighting. Mr. Alfonso and Mr. Blake commented on the 81 address number location and design on the sign. Ms. Salvin agreed to relocate the number 81 to the top of the sign and to remove the white circle in favor of a simple 81 white font numbering.

Motion was made and seconded to recommend ZBA approve one free standing sign with modified address number at the top with white letter. Proposed freestanding sign would also have no lighting. The wall mounted sign was recommended as designed.

Review of Proposed Signage

Applicant: Fairbanks Community Center
40 Fairbanks Road

Fairbanks Community Center was represented by architect Joel Bargmann and Jeremy Tobin from BH+A. Mr. Bargmann walked through slides identifying building plans with proposed three freestanding signs, one main center sign with two driveway signs. Mr. Bargmann pointed to guidance from the town to seek a variance that provided for two driveway signs differentiating the use for the bifurcated building. The main sign proposed would have wood backing with metal die cut lettering and concrete footing as outlined in the application. Mr. Bargmann acknowledged that the proposed lighting for the main sign was not compliant. He explained that the proposed lighting was not creating light pollution because of its location from the ground and angle to the sign with limited 15-watt power which would be more desecrate. He then outlined replicating the Senior Center

and Community Center signs that are both existing today but relocate with existing posts as proposed in the application. Mr. Alfonso spoke to the driveway signs and how the text on the bottom was a little small against the large seal and town name, as well as the need for the address number to be located on the sign. The board was unanimous in their positive opinion of the main Fairbanks Community Center sign.

Motion made and seconded to recommend to ZBA the main freestanding sign as proposed and to support the proposed driveway signs as proposed in the application, but with smaller top logo and seal sizing to increase bottom wording size and the addition of an address number at top or bottom.

Other Business:

Minutes for Review

- The Board approved the minutes for the meeting dated April 26, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm