

Town Hall, La Plata, Maryland  
Design Review Board  
October 7, 2009, 9:00 AM  
Meeting

Present: Chairman Robert Turgeon, Councilman Joe Norris, Steve Urso, Judy Hamilton, Charles L. Rogers – Board members

Town Staff: Daniel J. Mears, Town Manager; David M. Jenkins, Director of Municipal Development; Cathy Flerlage, Director of Planning & Zoning; Terri Fischer, Permits Clerk.

Minutes:

Chairman Turgeon called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and led all attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of September 16, 2009 meeting minutes

Mr. Urso moved to approve the minutes of the September 16 meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Building Signage for the Hug Bug Children's Boutique – 6505 Crain Highway

Presenter: Kevin Stiver, Signarama, 70 Industrial Park Drive, Unit 2D, Waldorf, 20602. Mr. Stiver indicated the owner's preference in the use of uppercase and lowercase letters with red trim cap and burgundy raceway and matching the red used in the adjacent "Benny's" sign.

Mr. Turgeon addressed Mr. Stiver regarding the mixed case letters. Ms. Flerlage supported and further explained that the uppercase and lowercase mixed lettering went more with the concept of a children's boutique. The board understood the concept and indicated that the red of the two business signs should match to maintain consistency.

Councilman Norris moved to approve the owner's preference and Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Building Signage for the Color Couture Salon – 505 Charles Street

Presenter: Susan Stiles,

It was confirmed that the size of the new sign was the exact size of the previous sign and that the sides were to be wrapped opposed to open as they were with the previous sign. Mr. Turgeon was also concerned that the lighting not disturb the tenants of the apartment above the business. Mr. Rogers expressed concern with the silver glitter proposed on the sign being a distraction as well as it having six colors versus the three-color limitation. A compromise of

removing the silver starburst areas completely and extending the ribbon border to curl at the top was offered.

Mr. Urso moved to approve the sign with the compromise of the wide ribbon border opposed to the silver starburst areas, as well as two softer lights at each side of the sign instead of the center. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion of the proposed Amendments to the Sign Ordinance – Chapter 191-60 through 191-77 of the Town Code

After reviewing the first few pages of the Amendments to the Sign Ordinance, Mr. Norris suggested Mr. Turgeon and Ms. Flerlage review the remaining amendments in a work session and resubmit it to the board. Mr. Turgeon and Ms. Flerlage agreed to do so.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Turgeon moved to adjourn at 10:50 AM. Councilman Norris seconded the motion and it carried.

Submitted by:

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Terri Fischer  
Permits Clerk  
Town of La Plata