

Design Review Board
Conducted in person and conference call
May 23, 2023

REGULAR MEETING:

Ms. Padreza called the regular meeting of the Design Review Board to order at 7:00 PM announcing the NJ Open Public Meetings Law Notice.

Present: Ms. Padreza, Ms. O'Hearn, Ms. Boone, Ms. Danz, Ms. Daini, Ms. Padreza, and Ms. Young. Ms. Waterman participated via phone link. Mrs. Sylvester, Ms. Taylor & Councilwoman Woods were absent.

APPLICATIONS:

NJ Decks and Railings- 147 E Main St., Ramsey (previously Gotham Underground)

Owner- Bruce Verblauw. The following was approved by the Design Review Board with following specifications:

Façade: 22.9 sq ft

Material: Aluminum attached to building front

Colors: White, w/black lettering w/logo

Requested ground sign not permitted: due to small lot size. Only allowed for lots > 10,000 sf.

Board Discussion and comments: Owner said sign was the same size and was resurfacing only-keeping black metal border around frame with logo of saw blade and hammer.

Starbucks: 8 W. Main St., Ramsey- Ms. Padreza advised Board approval not necessary for Starbucks rebranding sign, black awning, same size.

Correspondence: none

Minutes: none

Public Comment: no public comment on conference call or in person

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion by Board about building façade at Hazel's Boutique- suggested contacting landlord for repair

Ms. O'Hearn mentioned the Welcome to Ramsey sign(s) needing replacement. Advised that Ms. Woods had brought to Borough attention. Ms. O'Hearn requested Board being including on any new designs.

NEW BUSINESS: Ramsey Liquors- replaced old sign. New sign includes phone number and website- Never brought before Board for approval

Mindful Café- many multi-colored new signs in window.

Sherwin Williams- Rt 17 South (former fish store) Design Review Board did not recall sign application coming before Board

Sandwich boards- Ms. Padreza pointed out additional B&G Bagel Store sandwich board at Walgreens lot and 2 sandwich boards at entrance of same parking lot.
Will ask Ms. Sylvester to bring to Ms. Woods attention.

Discussion by Board: Board briefly discussed digital signs at RHS, Library and Finch Park. Mentioned the Presbyterian Church had inquired about digital sign, but did not proceed with request

Board discussed downtown Beautification Project- could suggest materials, fonts, colors swatches, contacting Ramsey Historical Association for input, possible grant funding (Main Street USA), photos of suggested signs. Question if Board would be permitted to have a working session (s) to discuss.

Mentioned would be helpful if Board could meet before regular meetings or discuss via email concerns regarding applications.

Council Liaison- Ms. Woods not in attendance.

Adjournment: Ms. Daini moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Young at 7:45PM. Carried.