

**City of Takoma Park
Façade Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2015**

The City of Takoma Park Façade Advisory Board met on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park Maryland.

Members Present: Darsie Cahall, Nick Corcoran, Jim DiLuigi, William Fischer, Rick Leonard, Lucy Moore, Eric Sepler
Members Absent: none
Staff Present: Roz Grigsby
Applicants: Chris Hishmeh, 7006 Carroll, Olive Lounge
Guru Singh, 7212 Carroll, Montessori School
Steve Bruno, 7000 Carroll, bank drive through

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Review of proposal for 7006 Carroll Avenue – Olive Lounge

Chris Hishmeh presented plans for a new awning, with screen-printed signage to display their business name, and a railing to enclose the area by the entrance. The awning will increase visibility for the business and help define a welcoming entrance, which is otherwise difficult for pedestrians or motorists to see from Carroll Avenue.

The proposed fixed awning, to be installed by Exclusive Awning and Canopies, will measure 18'6" wide, 11' projection and 3' drop. The black iron railing will measure 27' by 36".. The business plans to have outdoor seating in the future.

The Board discussed the other signage on the building, which Hishmeh said would be removed. The shutters, he clarified, serve a security purpose as well as branding. The board discussed painting them to eliminate their role as duplicative signage. The existing small canopy over the doorway would remain to provide lighting. The board discussed enlarging the fascia and name, and ensuring clearance and adequate run-off.

Fischer moved to approve the awning and railing, including removal of the remaining signage, enlargement of the fascia of the canopy and lettering, and maintenance of the security shutters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Review of proposal for 7212 Carroll Avenue – Montessori School

Guru Singh and the engineer for the project, Asukh Singh, sought FAB review of the plan to install windows on the side of the building along the driveway, to allow more light into the

school. The submitted drawings, which included changes to the storefront as well, did not include materials, type of glass, size and placement.

The Board had detailed discussions about the proposed changes to the storefront, including replacement of windows and doors and types of safety glass. The applicants agreed to maintain the existing door and aluminum framing on the front of the building and replace only the glass with either tempered or laminated glass. The windows on the side of the building could either be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood or in keeping with the style of the storefront. The Board referenced the side window at Spring Mill Bread Company, 7300 Carroll, for consideration. DiLuigi said he would have Historic Takoma send recommendations of companies who produce the aluminum framing compatible with the existing heritage framing.

The Board requested the applicant return with detailed information about the planned windows on the side of the building. Singh indicated they would submit revised plans to reflect the detailed discussions outlined above for the Board's review by Friday. The Board agreed to hold another meeting in the week following receipt of the new plans to review and give feedback so the applicant can complete the application for the HAWP.

5. Informational presentation of plans for 7000 Carroll – drive-through demolition

Steve Bruno, property manager with Barac Company and hired by property owner Bill Kirchiro, discussed the planned demolition of the bank drive-through at this location. Bruno explained that the drive-through was not original to the building. The project will remove the drive-through kiosk and roofing, as well as the concrete median buffering the west side of the kiosk. The Board asked about repaving and re-striping of the lot, which may happen at a later date. Bruno clarified that the owner is trying a pilot program of paid parking to explore workable options.

The project has already received a Historic Area Work Permit from Montgomery County Historic Preservation Office. City staff is working with County staff to ensure that projects receive FAB review before the issuance of the HAWP.

6. Board Officers

The Board elected new officers: William Fischer will serve as chair and Lucy Moore will serve as vice-chair. The one-year terms will expire when new officers are elected at the April business meeting, or at the soonest FAB meeting following that date.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Roz Grigsby
Community Development
Manager

William Fischer
Chair