

City of Takoma Park  
**Façade Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, September 8, 2020

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**Members Present:** Anne Fothergill, Bobbi Kittner, Lucy Moore, Lorraine Pearsall, Malcolm Williams

**Members Absent:** Nicholas Corcoran, Eric Sepler

**Staff Present:** Roz Grigsby

**Alternate:** Jim DiLuigi (absent)

**Guests:** Chris Hishmeh

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1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes for August 11, 2020 - Approved.
3. Project Review -- 7006 Carroll Avenue – Middle East Cuisine canopy, Chris Hishmeh  
Chris Hishmeh presented plans for the new design proposal for 7006 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland for the canopy on the rear of the building at the entrance of the Olive Lounge.

**The Board voted unanimously to approve the canopy on the rear of the building, at the entrance of Olive Lounge.** Moved by Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Williams.

4. Committee Review  
The Board discussed the draft recommendations for Committee Review, as put forward by the City Council, requesting committee input. Initial discussion looked at ways to make the Board more approachable and diverse such as walk-about, committee fairs, and the need to integrate with the Crossroads area as well as Old Takoma. The importance of providing clear guidance to businesses so they know what they can and can't do was emphasized.

The Board discussed past efforts to update the code. The Board had worked on revising the code for over four years, including presentations from the County HPC staff. The Board agreed in late 2017 to send suggested code changes to Council for approval. In January 2018, Council considered the Board recommendations for changes to the City code. At the Council meeting, a Board member spoke out against proposed code changes in view of recent neighborhood difficulties that were successfully resolved by the codes. Since that time, the Board's experience with the Bank of America signage, as well as some concern previously expressed by the Board on temporary signage, indicates a closer look in general is needed in this area and possibly others. The Council did not take action and the code changes were tabled for further discussion.

The Board discussed what would be different this time in the process. The Board asked that code enforcement staff be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss how the code is used in enforcement.

5. The meeting adjourned.