

**City of Takoma Park -- Façade Advisory Board**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
April 11, 2017

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The City of Takoma Park Façade Advisory Board met on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park Maryland.

**Members Present:** Darsie Cahall, William Fischer, Lucy Moore, Lorraine Pearsall, Eric Sepler

**Members Absent:** Anne Fothergill, Jim DiLuigi

**Staff Present:** Roz Grigsby

**Visitors:** Marcello Mina, Mark Cho, Jamey Gerlaugh

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Project Review: 7000 Carroll Avenue signage, Marcello Mina**

Marcello Mina, of Trattoria de Lina, came to the Board to discuss signage and outdoor seating at 7000 Carroll Avenue, in the old bank/drive-through space. He brought the fabricated sign with him to the meeting: a round, drum-shaped, back-light sign that would hang perpendicularly to the building near the front door. Mr. Mina said the sign, which was fabricated in Italy, was wired for 220 voltage and he has no intention of using the light.

Mr. Mina also discussed his plan to have outdoor seating on the parking lot side of the building, by the old bank drive-through. He would pour a concrete slab, about 13' wide, along the side of the building from the public sidewalk to the alley.

**Board action:**

The Board voted to approve the signage with the following conditions:

- The sign be centered on the left side of the front window where there is currently a temporary, vinyl sign, not near the door
- The sign not be backlit.

The Board approved the concept for outdoor seating, pending the applicant returning to the Board with a specific proposal.

**3. Concept Review: 7006 Carroll Avenue – Mark's Kitchen alley, Mark Cho and Jamey Gerlaugh**

Mark Cho and Jamey Gerlaugh presented ideas for outdoor seating in the alley between Mark's Kitchen and Art Spring, with photos of examples of what they have in mind. The alley was resurfaced recently. Generally they'd like to keep the alley as a passageway for foot traffic and also have seating for Mark's Kitchen. The concept might include a structure or framework of some kind, lighting, awnings, plants, and public art as well as tables and chairs.

The Board gave them feedback on thinking about the balance of maintaining the public use of the alley and adding a private feature of seating for the restaurant. The Board would need to review lights, signage, and any kind of built structure. The Board encouraged Mr. Cho to try some outdoor seating now, with small tables and chairs, before any permanent installation.

**4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting minutes**

The Board decided to delay review of the minutes until the May meeting.

**5. Board Vacancies**

The Board has two vacancies that opened up with the completion of second terms by Rick Leonard and Darsie Cahall. Darsie has agreed to continue to serve up to 90 days or until the position is filled. The City has received one application for the Board, which staff will circulate to the Board. Board members will consider encouraging people who may be good candidates for the Board to apply.

**6. Adjourn**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Rosalind Grigsby, staff

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William Fischer, Chair