

City of Takoma Park -- Façade Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2017

The City of Takoma Park Façade Advisory Board met on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park Maryland.

Members Present: Darsie Cahall, Jim DiLuigi, William Fischer, Lucy Moore, Eric Sepler
Members Absent: Anne Fothergill, Lorraine Pearsall, Malcolm Williams
Staff Present: Roz Grigsby
Visitors: Mark Choe and Brian Doyle, Mark's Kitchen

1. Call to Order

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

2. Concept Review: 7006 Carroll Avenue – Mark's Kitchen alley, Mark Choe and Brian Doyle

Mark Choe returned to discuss possibilities of outdoor seating in the alley as a follow up from the May meeting when he presented a model of a structure for the alley. Choe and Doyle wanted to discuss the Montgomery County liquor license requirements and ADA requirements. If the alley remains open as a passageway, then Mark's Kitchen would only be allowed to serve alcohol on the tables adjacent to the restaurant, not on both sides of the alley. The ADA requirement can easily be met. Both those issues are handled by the County, not FAB or other City office.

The Board discussed Choe's plan of a wooden structure in the alley and encouraged him to consider metal as more consistent with the historic character than wood. The Board chair presented photos of examples of alley seating without a structure of any kind, with the space defined by street furniture, lighting, and planters. The alley should continue to feel like an alley, even with seating and serving. Choe emphasized that his concept is simple and minimal, not a heavy wood look. The Board discussed the possibility of signage in the alley, including perpendicular signage or painted signage on the already painted brick wall, or an entrance way/arch that would identify the alley as part of Mark's Kitchen.

The Board encouraged the applicant to request a preliminary discussion with the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Office.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Rosalind Grigsby, staff

Approved:

William Fischer, Chair