

Arlington Redevelopment Board
May 1, 2017 Minutes
Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room – 7:30pm

This meeting was recorded by ACMi.

PRESENT: Kin Lau, David Watson, Andrew West, Eugene Benson

STAFF: Jennifer Raitt, Laura Wiener

ABSENT: Andrew Bunnell

GUESTS: Rajwant Singh, Ajay Sachar

Correspondence: None.

Mr. West opened the meeting at 7:30PM and moved to the first item on the agenda, Public Hearing for 444 Massachusetts Avenue, Docket #2943, to re-open a Special Permit. Rajwant Singh, Owner, Singh Saab, sought permission to construct and replace the existing sign.

Mr. Lau shared his concern with doubling the size of the written area of the sign, compared to the existing sign. He felt the design was inappropriate for this prominent location in Arlington Center. Mr. Watson shared his concern for the size, lighting and style. Mr. West asked for clarification on the awning. He suggested keeping the lettering of the sign the same size as the existing sign, and to consider keeping the current lighting with overhead gooseneck lamps, not internally lit, as proposed.

Mr. Lau moved to approve, Special Permit Docket #2943, subject to administrative approval. If the Applicant re-submits a design that is similar to the existing sign, in size, lighting and design, the sign can be approved administratively by the Director. If there are changes to the size or lighting, or if there is an awning proposed, it should come back to the Board. Mr. Watson seconded. All voted in favor. (4-0).

Mr. Lau moved to adjourn. Mr. Watson seconded. All voted in favor. (4-0).