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Redevelopment Board Minutes 02/04/2008

Arlington Redevelopment Board Minutes of February 4, 2008

Members Present: Andrew West
Edward Tsoi
Christopher Loreti
Bruce Fitzsimmons
Roland Chaput

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien

Andy West called the meeting to order at 7:05 and asked the Board to consider the new sign proposal for the Arlington Children's Center in the Parmenter School building, 17 Irving Street. Kevin O'Brien explained that the signs at the Parmenter building are allowed by special permit and that approval of the proposed sign would amend the special permit. The Board discussed the proposal with Matt Dolan, Dir. of ACC. The proposed sign is larger than the existing: the existing sign is approximately 2 ft. X 8 ft. and the proposed sign is 3 ft. X 9 ft. Ed Tsoi moved that the Board amend the special permit (docket 2472) to approve the proposed sign the horizontal center line of which is to be aligned vertically with the horizontal center line of the existing sign and all attachments are to be made in the mortar line of the brick wall. Roland Chaput seconded the motion and the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve it.

Andrew West next asked the Board to discuss the Commercial Revitalization Initiative. The Board discussed the brochure text and organization. It discussed revisions to the Sign Sense booklet.

Kevin O'Brien told the Board about the efforts being made in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce regarding problems they have identified in Broadway Plaza. He explained that Selectman Clarissa Rowe, a landscape architect, has offered to do some design work on Broadway Plaza pro bono. The Board requested that Clarissa Rowe be invited to attend the next ARB meeting along with the architect chosen to select lights and trash cans for the plaza.

The Board next talked about the request by Schools for Children to fence in an open grassed area on the north side of the Gibbs School building. The Board felt it needed more information and was uncomfortable that the fencing might restrict public access to the space. It was decided that staff would bring more information for a fuller discussion at a future meeting.

Roland Chaput moved that the minutes of the January 7, 2008 meeting be approved as amended. Chris Loreti seconded the motion and the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve.

Roland Chaput moved that the minutes of the January 28, 2008 meeting be approved as amended. Ed Tsoi seconded the motion and the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin J. O'Brien