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Redevelopment Board Minutes 11/28/2005

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of November 28, 2005

Members Present: Ed Tsoi, Chair
Andrew P. West
Lynne Lowenstein
Roland Chaput

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien, Director of Planning & Community Development
Laura Wiener, Director of Housing
Joey Glushko, Planner

Ed Tsoi called the meeting to order at 7:05 and introduced Wells Sampson of American Alarm to consider their request for a new sign at 297 Broadway. The proposed sign is higher than allowed and is mounted too high on the building and thus needs a special permit. The Board discussed alternatives and the applicant decided to return to the meeting on December 12 with a new proposal.

At 7:30, Ed Tsoi introduced Dick Losano from Lahey Clinic who proposed a sign for their new location at 37 Broadway. The two proposed signs are mounted too high on the building. After some discussion, Lynne Lowenstein moved and Roly Chaput seconded a motion to approve the two signs as proposed. The Board voted 4 to 0 in favor.

The Board signed the decision to deny the special permit for a communication facility at 1098 Massachusetts Avenue.

The Board then discussed with Ted Wilson, Deanne Benson and Frances Hughes of Schools for Children, a tenant of the Gibbs School building, a proposal to install a door in the hallway of the school building. After some discussion the Board asked them to get more information from the building inspector and return at a later meeting.

The Board then discussed proposed rules for the rental of rooms in ARB properties. Some changes to the proposed regulations were discussed and the Board instructed staff to bring them back at a future meeting.

Lynne Lowenstein moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss litigation regarding the Symmes project which discussion, if held in open session, might have a harmful effect on the litigation. Roly Chaput seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board: Lynne Lowenstein – yes, Ed Tsoi – yes, Roly Chaput – yes, and Andrew West – yes.

At 9:55 the Board recessed its executive session to move to the Selectmen's Hearing Room to meet with the Selectmen and continue the executive session discussion also in executive session. Andrew West left the meeting.

At 10:40 Lynne Lowenstein moved that the Board leave executive session and adjourn. Roly Chaput seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board: Lynne Lowenstein – yes, Ed Tsoi – yes, Roly Chaput – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien