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ZBA 88-8
Petition of Nesmith Services, Inc.
951 Worcester Street (Mr. Donut)

Pursuant to due notice, the Special Permit Granting Authority held a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 21, 1988 at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Town Hall, 525 Washington Street, Wellesley on the petition of NESMITH SERVICES, INC. requesting a Special Permit under Section XXIIA-D and pursuant to Section XXV of the Zoning Bylaw for removal of an existing standing sign and replacement with a standing sign approximately 8 feet by 4 feet, with internal illumination, to be located at 951 WORCESTER STREET (Mr. Donut), in a Business District. Said sign will exceed the area, height and setback requirements and will be internally illuminated.

On January 4, 1988, the petitioner filed a request for a hearing before this Board and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

Presenting the case was David Stephens, representing Nesmith Services, Inc. Mr. Stephens said that the present roof sign was being removed, and that the proposed sign was requested to replace the existing standing sign which is dilapadated and unsightly.

No other persons present had any comments on the petition.

Statement of Facts

The property in question is located at 951 Worcester Street, owned by Nesmith Services, Inc. and is in a Business District.

Nesmith Services, Inc. is proposing to remove an existing standing sign and replace it with a new sign which would be 64 square feet in size with a height of 19 feet and a setback of 15 feet from the edge of Worcester Street and would be internally illuminated. A Special Permit is requested for the size, height, setback and illumination. The front pole of the existing sign would be utilized for the sign and the second pole would be removed. An existing second sign located on the roof of the premises is being removed.

Drawings of the proposed sign were submitted by Persona, Inc./International Multifoods, dated August 2, 1985. Photographs were also submitted.

The Design Review Board held a preliminary review of the proposed sign on September 24, 1987 and recommended that the height, size and setback of the sign be reduced to what could be allowed by Special Permit. At its meeting on January 14, 1988, the Design Review Board conducted its final review and was pleased to find that its recommendations had been followed by the applicant. In a letter dated January 19, 1988, the Design Review Board voted to approve the sign as presented and felt that the proposed size, height and illumination were appropriate for the area.

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The Planning Board, at its meeting on January 19, 1988, voted to offer no objection to the requested sign.

Decision

This Authority has made a careful study of the evidence presented. The petitioner is requesting a Special Permit for a sign at 951 Worcester Street to identify Mr. Donut. This Authority is of the opinion that the proposed standing sign is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Section XXIIA-D of the Zoning Bylaw with regards to the size, height, setback and illumination.

Therefore, a Special Permit is hereby granted for the proposed internally illuminated sign at 951 Worcester Street, 64 square feet in size, no higher than 19 feet and no closer than 15 feet to the edge of Worcester Street as shown in the plans described in the Statement of Facts.

The Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue a permit for the interally illuminated sign upon his receipt and approval of an application.

APPEALS FROM THIS DECISION, IF ANY, SHALL BE MADE PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40A, SECTION 17, AND SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF FILING OF THIS DECISION IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

John A. Donovan, Jr., Chairman

Robert R. Cunningham

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cc: Planning Board
Inspector of Buildings

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