

*Minutes of the March 22, 2023
Regular Meeting of the Design Review Board*

WELLESLEY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023, 6:30 PM
ONLINE REMOTE MEETING

Design Review Board Present: Chair Juann Khoory, Vice-Chair Iris Lin, Sheila Dinsmoor

Staff Present: Senior Planner Emma Coates

Call to Order:

Ms. Khoory called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Citizens Speak – Public Comment on Matters not on the agenda

No comments were brought before the Board.

New and/or Continued Applications

DRB-23-12 S – 438 Washington Street – Town of Wellesley Sign Application

Present: Ann Williams, Wellesley Youth Baseball and Softball; Rob K of Daktronics

Ms. Williams detailed aspects regarding the application.

Ms. Coates stated that the application had been approved by both the Select Board and the Natural Resources Commission.

Ms. Williams stated the existing scoreboard was not working properly.

Ms. Khoory inquired if the supports for the existing scoreboard would remain. Ms. Williams replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Lin inquired about the height of the new scoreboard.

Ms. Lin motioned to accept DRB-23-12 S for 438 Washington Street, as presented. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Lin-aye, Khoory-aye.

DRB – 23-09 S - 173 Worcester Street - Special Permit Sign Application

Present: Erik Janiel of DCL

Mr. Janiel provided information regarding the application.

Ms. Lin inquired how the sign would be mounted. Ms. Khoory inquired about the height of the sign.

Ms. Coates replied that the Special Permit reflected a sign package.

Ms. Dinsmoor motioned to accept DRB – 23-09 S for 173 Worcester Street, as presented. Ms. Lin seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye.

DRB – 23-10 S - 96 Worcester Street - BCSP Park 9 Property - Special Permit Sign Application

Present: Raymond Yu, Pandemonium Design

Mr. Yu stated the awning profile would extend 16 inches from the side of the building.

Ms. Khoory inquired if the purpose of the signage was for better visibility from Route 9. Mr. Yu replied the sign is intended to identify the building for the people viewing the building from the parking lot.

Ms. Khoory inquired about the placement of the logo - Sun. Mr. Yu replied the “Sun” would be elevated high enough, as not to be blocked by the shielding.

Ms. Lin motioned to accept DRB-23-10 S for 96 Worcester Street, as presented; with the recommendation of raising the “Sun” logo high enough to ensure it is not blocked by the shielding. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye.

DRB-23-11 S - 180 Linden Street #101 - Special Permit Sign Application

Present: Bill Ebben, Owner

Mr. Ebben detailed aspects of the sign application.

Ms. Khoory mentioned that the proposed signage was very elevated. Mr. Ebben indicated that if the sign were lowered, a tree would block the sign from being seen from the parking lot.

Ms. Khoory stated the top of the sign should be the same distance from the top cornice as the store next door.

Ms. Dinsmoor opined about the use of a light backer board, which would make the sign more visible.

Ms. Lin stated her preference not to use the backer board.

Ms. Khoory stated that white should not be used as the background for the sign.

Ms. Lin stated we should ask for a new submission with multiple options.

Ms. Lin motioned to continue DRB 23-11 S for 180 Linden Street #101, to the next DRB meeting on 4/12/23. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Dinsmoor-aye, Lin-aye, Khoory-aye.

Minutes – 1/25/23 & 2/22/23

The Board discussed the proposed letter to the ZBA regarding the Honeywell Field Lights.

Mr. Arbeene commented about the staff meeting with Town Counsel regarding the proposed letter to ZBA, adding that the Board could not go back and change the recommendation regarding the lights.

Ms. Lin confirmed the letter is to clarify the thought process behind the vote on the Honeywell Field Lights, and to convey those thoughts to the ZBA.

Ms. Khoory motioned to continue the discussion on the proposed letter to ZBA.

Board members reviewed and provided edits to minutes.

Ms. Dinsmoor motioned to accept the DRB Minutes for 1/25/23, as edited. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye.

Ms. Lin motioned to accept the DRB Minutes for 2/22/23, as presented. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 2-0-1; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory abstain.

Ms. Khoory confirmed that the Board needed to update the guidelines on sustainability issues. Ms. Coates replied such discussion would be included on a future agenda.

Adjourn

Ms. Khoory motioned to adjourn the DRB meeting. Ms. Dinsmoor seconded the motion. It was on motion 3-0; Lin-aye, Dinsmoor-aye, Khoory-aye.

The DRB meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

APPROVED – May 10, 2023