

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of May 19, 2020

The DRC meeting was held via Zoom

Members Present

✓	_____ Larry McEwen, Co-chair	_____ Amanda Yoder, Business Assn.
✓	_____ John Landis, Co-Chair	_____ TT&P
	_____ Steve Gendler, LUPZC	✓ _____ Jan Albaum, Streetscape Committee
✓	_____ Jean McCoubrey, LUPZC	_____ Joyce Lenhardt, VP Physical
✓	_____ Patricia Cove, HDAC	_____ Laura Lucas, CHCA President

Others Attending

Juliet Sarkessian and Nena Eskeridge, owners 211 E. Meade Street

John Andrews, architect 211 E. Meade St.

Kate Dolan, Chestnut Hill *Local*

Celeste Hardester, Development Review Facilitator

Melissa Nash, recorder

The meeting was opened by Larry McEwen, co-chair, at 7:05 pm with a brief overview of the agenda.

Committee Business

- Minutes for February and April were reviewed. It was moved that both be approved with minor corrections.
- Update of the status of 10 W. Gravers Lane: Jan Albaum stated that Jake Orozco presented the signage plans to Streetscape on May 6. It was questioned if the dentists needed to have a zoning review for the hanging sign. They intend to replace the bronze plaque sign on the side of the building with another bronze plaque, which may be smaller than the existing. The back wall in the loading area will be painted light gray to match the building's mortar. Patricia Cove asked about the plaque. She also stated that the HDAC suggested cleaning the rear wall to reveal the brick. Discussion followed about the rear wall, the hanging sign and the bronze plaque.

211 E Meade Street Addition

- LUPZC/HDAC Reports: The LUPZC reviewed the project and recommended approval of the project. HDAC specified that the addition be clad in wood siding, not stucco.
- Presentation: Architect, John Andrews, presented the project. The addition will be clad in horizontal Hardie board, which is compatible with the bay window above. No new ZBA date has been set nor has there been any notification from the ZBA. Celeste Hardester asked about access from the basement to the outside. The basement is an unfinished space. The preference is not to have an access due to cost. A access well, built off the bathroom addition, is possible if needed.

- Committee Action: Jan Albaum moved that the committee recommend support of the project as presented. The motion was seconded. It was asked that the committee be shown materials if changes are made. The motion was unanimously approved. The board meeting is May 28 at 5 PM via Zoom. No presentation is required. It is recommended that someone be available to answer questions if necessary.

Committee Business

- Bahia Bows 8131 Germantown Ave: John Landis noted that the shop was approved with the understanding that the façade would be updated by cleaning and painting. It has a completely new façade. It looks nice but is modern and the entrance was moved. It was recalled that Richard Snowden did not like the original proposal but wanted a complete more restoration. The owner, Richard Snowden, and Cindy Bass need to be contacted.

- 8201 Shawnee Townhouses: Groundwork is being done for the construction. The owner had said he will talk to the committee. What was agreed to originally will be built. An amended permit will be needed if the structures change.

- 8100 Germantown Avenue: The developer, Mark Greenberg, has taken down an extra tree and has another in danger. The project is underway.

- Celeste Hardester noted that there has been a reach out to the Goldenberg Group about the East Mermaid site. No information is known.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.