

Issued: June 5, 2020

**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
DRAFT MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Call to Order/Roll Call: 4:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

DRAC: Jeffrey Gebrian, Chair; Sheldon Crosby, Vice-Chair; Members: Ray Giolitto, Hugh Schweitzer (arrived late), Kimberley Parsons-Whitaker

Staff: Todd Dumais, Town Planner

REFERRAL FROM TOWN COUNCIL:

1. **1500-1502 New Britain Avenue** – Application filed on behalf of West Farms Mall, LLC, owner of property located at 1500-1502 New Britain Avenue known as Westfarms Mall within Special Development District (SDD) #12. The application seeks permission to undertake exterior façade renovations to the tenant space just north of the easterly-facing “mall” entrance for a Maggie McFly’s restaurant, including associated signage, landscaping and parking modifications. In addition, the application seeks permission for outdoor dining to be permitted as an approved accessory use for all restaurants within the SDD. (Formal DRAC receipt on 5/21/20. Study Session on 3/12/20. Town Council Public Hearing scheduled for 6/23/20). ***By unanimous vote, the DRAC recommended approval of the application finding it consistent the Committee’s Performance Criteria. (Motion/Crosby; roll call vote: 4-0). (Schweitzer absent).***
2. **1126-1148 New Britain Avenue** - Application filed on behalf of Hare Associates, LLC, owner of property located at 1126-1148 New Britain Avenue known as Elmwood Shopping Center or Elmwood Plaza, within Special Development District (SDD) #3. The application seeks permission to undertake exterior façade renovations to convert and create new tenant space within the existing building footprint; requests modifications to current parking restrictions; and seeks permission for outdoor dining to be permitted as an approved accessory use for all restaurants within the SDD. (Formal DRAC receipt on 5/21/20. Town Council Public Hearing scheduled for 6/23/20). ***By unanimous vote, the DRAC recommended approval of the application finding it consistent the Committee’s Performance Criteria. (Motion/Giolitto; roll call vote: 5-0).***

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

3. March 12, 2020 - ***Approved. (Motion/Giolitto; roll call vote, 4-0.) Parsons-Whitaker recused***

TOWN PLANNER’S REPORT:

4. None.

REMINDER OF FUTURE DRAC MEETINGS:

- DRAC Regular Meeting – June 18, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. (Virtual Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT – 5:41 p.m.

C: Matthew Hart, Town Manager
Dallas Dodge, Corporation Counsel

Mark McGovern, Director of Community Development
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk

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