

Issued: November 23, 2021

**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
*** DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES***
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
ROOM 400, TOWN HALL, WEST HARTFORD, CT**

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

DRAC ATTENDANCE: Jeffrey Gebrian, Chair; Commissioners: Hugh Schweitzer, Kimberly Parsons-Whitaker; Alternates: David Hines

Staff: Todd Dumais, Town Planner & Brian Pudlik, Associate Planner

Referral from the Town Planner:

1. **1003-1007 Farmington Avenue** – Study session preparatory to the submission of a new Special Development District application. The applicant is contemplating the redevelopment of the existing commercial building and the construction of a new residential building. (Initial study session on 11-15-21)

Mr. Dumais introduced the application. The DRAC raised questions regarding the rationale for the position of the new building relative to the southerly property line. Significant concerns were raised regarding the scale of the new building in the proposed location, particularly in contrast to the existing buildings on the adjacent properties. The DRAC asked that the design team review alternative building placements that would allow for a greater setback from the southerly property line. The DRAC also asked that the design team look for ways to strengthen the connection to Farmington Avenue with a formal pedestrian walkway including the use of decorative lighting and plantings. The DRAC raised some concerns about the material choices, but were overall supportive of the architecture. They recognized the importance of the site and encouraged the design team to refine the concept further in advance of a formal application submission.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

2. October 14, 2021 – Motion Hines/Second Parsons-Whitaker; Approved
3. 2022 Annual Calendar – Motion Parsons-Whitaker/Second Hines; Approved

TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT:

4. None.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:00 p.m.

C: Matthew Hart, Town Manager
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk

Dallas Dodge, Corporation Counsel
Todd Dumais, Town Planner