

Issued August 1, 2024

DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
*****SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES*****
THURSDAY, July 25, 2024
ROOM 407, TOWN HALL, WEST HARTFORD, CT

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

DRAC ATTENDANCE: Chair, Ray Giolitto; Committee Members: Hugh Schweitzer, Liz Pang and Jenna McClure Alternate: Jim Lawler and David Hines

ABSENT: Brian Flemming

Staff: Todd Dumais, Town Planner, Robert Gosselin Associate Planner

REFERRAL FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. **1445 New Britain Avenue** – Formal referral from the Town Council on an application filed on behalf of SF WH PROPERTY OWNER, LLC, the owner of Special Design District (SDD) #6, more commonly known as the Corbin Collection, to amend the existing SDD to accommodate Level 99, a new proposed indoor recreation or amusement facility with restaurant in the upper level of the former Sears building. Contemplated improvements include, façade, signage and site modifications. (Most recent prior study session on 5-9-24)

Motion: Schweitzer; Second: Lawler – Approved unanimously 6-0, subject to a condition that Applicant agreed to reduce the main tenant signage by 10%.

REFERRAL FROM THE TOWN PLANNER:

2. **West Hartford Wayfinding Signage Study** – Presentation and update on the development of a signage and wayfinding system for consistent image and unifying branding within the community. (Prior meeting with DRAC on 5-11-23).

Motion: Lawler; Second: Pang – Unanimous recommendation for approval / support for the project / plan.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- 3.

- a. Thursday, June 27, 2024: ***Motion: McClure; Second: Lawler – Approved 4-0
(Hines and Pang abstained)***

COMMUNICATION

3. None

TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT:

4. None

ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 PM

Cc: Rick Ledwith, Town Manager
Dallas Dodge, Corporation Counsel

Duane Martin, Community Development Director
Leon Davidoff, Town Clerk