

August 6, 2003

DRB MEMORANDUM #2004-01

MEMO TO: Bonnie Weeks, Bldg. Comm.
Christine Brestrup, Assoc. Planner
FROM: Jonathan Tucker, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: DRB Recommendations of August 5, 2003

The Tuesday, August 5, 2003 meeting of the Design Review Board began at 7:39 p.m. in the Town Room, Town Hall, in the absence of a quorum. Members Erica Gees and David Henion were present, along with Senior Planner Jonathan Tucker. The members present made the following informal recommendations, to be ratified or amended by the full Board at a later date.

The members turned to Appointments.

#2004-00001, 31 Boltwood Walk, Thai Corner – Recommend **Approval** of the design of a new handicapped access ramp for Thai Corner, with the following conditions:

- 1) That the applicant check the height of the ramp with the Building Commissioner and use as simple a railing/post system as permitted by code.
- 2) That the applicant consider extending the landing in front of the entry door further south down the alley, to permit the addition of steps in that location according to the AAB regulations.
- 3) That the applicant paint the ramp members the same light green as the building, and that he add flower boxes along the outside of the ramp railing, as proposed.

#2004-00002, 197 North Pleasant Street, Amherst Crepes – Recommend **Approval** of the design and colors of proposed new signage, outdoor dining and façade improvements, with the following conditions:

- 1) That the letters for "amherst" in the sign be made bolder and darker, to increase the legibility of the word.
- 2) That the awning frame and sign be reinforced as needed to carry the proposed weight and wind load resulting from the new sign, new awning fabric and lighting conduit and fixtures.
- 3) That the applicant consider adding lighting under the awning.
- 4) That the applicant paint any replacement trim for the window and door a light brown, as proposed, and consider appropriate security for those openings.

Board members recommended that the applicant talk to the neighboring merchants about potential conflicts or opportunities with the outdoor dining.

Permit Referrals - The Board members present asked to see the proposed new signage for Daisy's at 1185 North Pleasant Street.

Next Meetings – The Board members asked Mr. Tucker to contact DRB members and the Town Manager and determine when the best date would be for a joint meeting to discuss Kendrick Park.

Annual Report – The members reviewed a draft FY 03 annual report and made several editorial changes.

The meeting ended at 8:38 p.m.