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DRB Memorandum #2010-10

Memo to: Bonnie Weeks, Building Commissioner
Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director
From: Christine Brestrup, Senior Planner
Subject: DRB Meeting – November 2, 2010

The Tuesday, November 2, 2010, meeting of the Design Review Board began at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall.

Design Review Board members Janet Winston (Chair), Jonathan Salvon, Derek Noble and Michael Hanke were present.

Also present were Christine Brestrup, Senior Planner, and Peter Galante of the Knights of Columbus.

DRB 2011-00011, Peter Galante for Knights of Columbus – 45 Boltwood Walk/37 North Pleasant Street – Review of proposed fence, to be relocated from Judie’s Restaurant property

Recommended approval with conditions

Mr. Galante presented the application. The Knights of Columbus propose to reuse sections of the lattice-work fence and planters from the Boltwood Place building site, behind Judie’s Restaurant, to create a private patio area on the east side of the Knights of Columbus building. The fence sections will be placed with their finished side and planters facing the public garage and Boltwood Place properties and the unfinished side facing the Knights’ building. The fence and planters are proposed to be placed in the planting beds to the north and east of the existing patio. The fence will line up with the edge of the brick patio and the planters will sit in the planting beds. The Knights do not intend to anchor the fence to underground footings. Since the planters and fence will be connected, the planters will give the fence structural support and stability and keep the fence sections from being removed or from being knocked over.

There will be a 21 foot length of fence on the north side and a 27 foot length on the east side. The fence and planters will be placed entirely on Knights’ property.

Mr. Galante stated that all of the existing plantings, with the exception of a few flowers, will remain in the planting beds.

The fence will provide privacy for Knights’ functions. Sometimes they have events inside the building that spill out onto the patio in good weather.

The placement of the fence will not interfere with the location of the existing fire hydrant.

Members of the Board noted that the fence, especially the unfinished side, appears to be temporary and is not particularly attractive. They recommended that the unfinished side be turned toward the Knights’ building and that the unpainted posts be painted to match the Knights’ building and the planters, to give it a more permanent appearance and make it more compatible with the Knights’ building.

Mr. Noble commented that the fence would give the Knights’ building some protection during construction of Boltwood Place.

Ms. Brestrup noted that there is an existing sewer line that runs under the Knights' patio. If this sewer line needs to be repaired or rerouted, the fence will need to be moved temporarily to accommodate this work.

Conditions

- 1) The posts of the fence shall be painted "putty" color or beige to match the panels of the planters and the panels of the Knights' building facade.
- 2) The fence shall be installed with its finished side and planters facing the public garage and Boltwood Place.
- 3) The bare areas of the fence structure, where the backs of the planters can be seen below sections of lattice-work, should be patched with sections of lattice work fence, so that the whole structure has a uniform look.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Future Meetings Tuesday, November 16 or 30 (as needed) at 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Cc: Janet Winston, DRB
 Kathryn Grandonico, DRB
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