

Appearance Commission Meeting Minutes
Date: August 09, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Pathak to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting and seconded by commissioner DaMario. All members voted aye.

Case 2023-026A – 4801 Golf Rd

Discussion and Interested Parties

Commissioner DaMario read Staff comments into the record.

Staff noted that the ground sign is inside the sight distance triangle and states that if it is reduced from 5' tall to 30" in height it would be permitted.

The representative from Expedite the Diehl says that this can be done.

The petitioner says the sign on the second floor was proposed because the trees would block the sign would it not be placed on that location. The petitioner adds that two previous banks have had a sign in that location.

Chairman Lynk and Staff add that the Zoning Board of Appeals can hear cases on sign relief for location.

Staff added that two signs on one wall are not permitted. The petitioner commented that since the tenants are stacked, two signs were placed on one wall. Staff added that relief can be requested on this item as well.

Chairman Lynk referenced pages 11 & 14 from the presentation and asked for motion to grant relief for the signs shown on this page.

Commissioner DaMario asks for a motion to approve with conditions provided that the ground sign is no taller than 30", the BMO sign on page 11 is granted relief for replacement above the window, and the sign on page 14 be permitted and granted relief for being a 2nd wall sign due to the fact that the tenants are stacked and not horizontal.

Recommendation and Voting

A motion was made to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to approve with conditions noted. The vote was unanimous.

Motion: DaMario Second: Pathak

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Case 2023-025A – 8440 Niles Center Rd

Discussion and Interested Parties

Commissioner DaMario read Staff comments into the record.

The petitioner noted the car wash building is brick and was falling apart on the exterior when it was acquired. He stated that he has been going to the car wash for 15 years and that he wanted to make it a better experience for the community. He added that the newly painted brick gives the appearance that Skokie promotes art.

Chairman Lynk states that a sign cannot be painted on brick and that it is against the Village Code.

Staff adds that the code has existed for at least 20 years.

Chairman Lynk commented that the item is something that the Appearance Commission has no ability to grant relief for.

Staff let the petitioner know that one wall sign facing a street plus a ground sign is permitted.

Chairman Lynk adds that the rest of the design is fine.

Recommendation and Voting

A motion was made to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to approve with a provision that the existing painted on wall signage will be removed and that the applicant will work with Village Staff to create an appropriate and compliant sign package going forward.

Motion: DaMario Second: Shah

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Public Comments

Chairman Lynk states that comments will not be heard about 4600 Main St without the presence of the applicant. He stated a procedural question will be permitted. He also mentioned that the commission will not hear or opine on anything regarding the matter because it is not a case on tonight's agenda.

The speaker asked in what matter the petitioner was informed they were going to Plan Commission and asked for contact information for someone who may have more information.

Staff and Chairman Lynk told the applicant to contact the Planning Division.

The speaker mentioned the Elm Terrace block party is coming up and invited the commissioners to attend.