

**VILLAGE OF KENMORE
PLANNING BOARD
April 25, 2023**

PRESENT: Bruce Shearer
Andrew Ross
Colleen Donovan
David McLaughlin

Kathleen Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer
Michael Berns, Building Inspector

ABSENT: Robert Rumpl
Sara Schumacher-Marks

3123 DELAWARE AVENUE – KENMORE DENTAL ASSOCIATES, PLLC SIGNAGE

Scott Burke is present. He seeks sign approval for both the north and east elevations. He is also adding a metal street-level pylon sign because the signage on the east side (facing Delaware Avenue), is blocked by the locus tree.

Bruce Shearer stated that he feels the main entrance is actually on the side (north elevation). He questions whether this constitutes the “front” of the building, or if the Planning Board needs to consider Delaware Avenue as the “front” of the building.

Michael Berns replies that he believes we treat the “front” of the building, as the side of the building where the entry is located. If the Planning Board disagrees with this, he will have to have legal review.

Mr. Shearer stated that he likes the signage, but just wants to confirm which section of the Code is to be applied to the east elevation. If it isn’t considered the front, the proposed signage will need to be reduced in size.

Bruce Shearer moved to approve the signs, as follows:

- a. North elevation is approved as presented.

Seconded by David McLaughlin, and approved by all members in attendance.

- b. West side elevation is approved, conditioned that the size be made smaller to comply Code.

Seconded by Michael Foster, and approved by all members in attendance.

- c. Pylon sign, approved as submitted with the condition that posts be black in color, and that there will be green space with landscaping, to be approved by the Building Inspector.

Seconded by Michael Foster, and approved by all members in attendance.

Mr. Berns noted that any lighting, including the lighting for the ground sign will need to be approved by the Planning Board, as well.

3065/67 DELAWARE AVENUE – BLACK IRON BISTRO FENCING

Joseph Mecozzi was present and explained there is an existing chain link, three-foot tall fence, which will be replaced with a wood fence. There will be low voltage lighting on each of the main posts (not presented).

Bruce Shearer stated that the fence can't be six feet high because it's in front of the building.

Michael Foster moved to approve as presented, with the condition the lighting on the fence needs to be approved by the Planning Board at a later date.

Seconded by David McLaughlin, and approved by all members in attendance.

3065/67 DELAWARE AVENUE – BLACK IRON BISTRO STATUE

The owner wishes to install a statue, sculpted locally from cast iron in the location of the former pole sign. The statue would be bolted to the ground and would resemble a monument sign. There will be no sharp edges. He feels this will be a great display of public art. It will be positioned roughly one foot from the sidewalk.

Michael Foster moved to approved, requesting with green space on top of existing concrete slab (former pole space).

Seconded by Bruce Shearer, and approved by all members in attendance.

3147 DELAWARE AVENUE – SAGE & STONE SIGNAGE

Bruce Shearer states that the sign is too large. The sign presented is 16 square feet and the maximum allowed would be fifteen square feet. Colleen Donovan thinks it would look better in a smaller dimension. The applicant noted that she wants the sign to be the same size as that on the Consignment store.

Colleen Donovan moved for approval, as presented.

Seconded by Michael Foster and approved by all members in attendance.

1605 KENMORE AVENUE – UNIVERSAL LIQUOR AND WINE SIGNAGE

Paul Strada from NAS Signs is present, representing the owner. NAS is seeking approval of a 6' x 8' pole sign which will be illuminated and have vinyl brackets. He is also seeking approval of a wall sign.

Michael Berns notes that any other signage, including window signs, must be presented to the Planning Board for approval.

Mr. Strada wants the pole sign, instead of a ground sign, given the visibility needs for Kenmore Avenue and concern that, if the sign were lower, it may block the view for those entering and leaving the business. He is able to update the sign to include pole cover in black. The white background will be replaced by red.

Michael Foster expressed concern that parking spaces are being taken to put signs in.

Bruce Shearer moved to approve the pole sign as presented.

Seconded by Andrew Ross, and approved by all members in attendance.

Bruce Shearer moved to approve the wall sign as presented.

Seconded by Colleen Donovan, and approved by all members in attendance.

David McLaughlin noted that the words pertaining to the "lease" may be confusing to the public in that it looks as if the business is already closing. Mr. Strada said he would talk to his client about possibly changing that wording.

Bruce Shearer moved to approve the graphics for the window sign as presented, conditioned on said signs being code-compliant and further conditioned on the Building Inspector's approval. He further moved that the color be white with red outline to match the color/design of the sign.

Seconded by Colleen Donovan, and approved by all members in attendance.

1759 KENMORE AVENUE – GLASS AMERICA POLE SIGN

Bruce Shearer moved to approve, as presented.

Seconded by Andrew Ross, and approved by all members in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Kathleen P. Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer