

**VILLAGE OF KENMORE
PLANNING BOARD
February 25, 2025**

PRESENT: Bruce Shearer
Robert Rumpl
David McLaughlin
Michael Foster
Colleen Donovan

Kathleen Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

ABSENT: Sara Schumacher-Marks
Karen Phillips

Michael Berns, Building Inspector

981 KENMORE AVENUE – ORIENTAL KITCHEN SIGNAGE

The front blade sign will be taken down and replaced with the proposed front, wall sign. There will be a light bar along the top with channel letters. The red box will also be illuminated. There is a forty-six linear feet frontage, so the proposed sign appears to be compliant.

Bruce Shearer moved to approve, as presented.

Seconded by David McLaughlin, and approved by all members present.

2815 DELAWARE AVENUE – FLORALUNA SIGNAGE

Nick from Fast Signs was present. The applicant is looking to replace the former business' sign. This metal sign is the same size and made from the same materials. It will be dark yellow. The owner didn't want a black background. The Planning Board suggested that an outline should be considered for better visibility.

Colleen Donovan moved to approve as presented, provided the new sign is the same size as the old business sign.

Seconded by Bruce Shearer, and approved by all members present.

2830 DELAWARE AVENUE – OVERWINTER COFFEE SIGNAGE

This business will provide artisan breads and pastry. The sign will have no lighting and will be opaque. There will be no window signs. They are planning on opening in May or June.

Michael Foster moved to approve, as presented.

Seconded by Robert Ruml, and approved by all members present.

3147 DELAWARE AVENUE – VEGAN PANTRY SIGNAGE

The applicant is looking to replace Can Man signage. The signs will be the same size and material as the Can Man signs. There will be no lighting. Access to their business is on Courier Boulevard and there is no other signage requested. They are Suite C (all part of Delaware Avenue address). Opening is scheduled for April 5, 2025.

Kathleen Johnson noted that the size of the sign located on the south facing wall was too big. The applicant is limited to fifteen square feet and the proposed sign is thirty-two square feet.

Bruce Shearer moved to approve the sign on the north side of the building, as presented.

He also moved to approve the sign on the south side of the building, provided the sign size is reduced to be code-compliant – not to exceed fifteen square feet.

Seconded by Colleen Donovan, and approved by all members present.

CONCEPT REVIEW – KVIS “FAIRY DOORS”

The KVIS would like to put together an initiative, designed to bring people to the Village to seek out “fairy doors” which would be painted on various Village buildings. A local Graphic Artist would paint the doors onto participating buildings.

Robert Ruml was concerned about placement of these doors, especially on buildings in the restricted district. He is also concerned that, since these would be placed at ground level, they would be hit by salt and the designs would wear out and be ruined. Mr. Ruml notes that there was an initiative in some communities to paint property addresses on the curb, but that

these addresses are now worn out. He is concerned that these doors be properly maintained. Otherwise, he likes the concept.

It was also noted that the Town of Tonawanda had students paint water designs around receivers in the Town and the Village. At the time, it was stated that these would be maintained or easily removed. Kathleen Johnson noted that these were not easily removed and are looking worn out.

Melissa Foster, KVIS President spoke with the Board by phone. She stated that there is no timeframe for this project and the artist will maintain these “doors”. The KVIS thinks that the “Fairy Door” initiative will be a draw to Kenmore.

Melissa Foster, from the KVIS, noted that the timeline for this project is unknown.

Clerk Johnson noted that the initiative would also need to be reviewed by the Village Board because these paintings would fall under the mural legislation.

David McLaughlin moved to approve as a concept.

Seconded by Robert Rumpl, and approved by all members present.

SIGNAGE REVIEW:

Robert Rumpl recommends looking at Amherst’s sign law which includes examples of each signage, along with the definition. He feels this will help applicants to better understand what types of signs are allowed.

OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Kathleen P. Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer