Design Review Board September 15, 2020 9:00 a.m. via Video-Conferencing and Published by Local TV, Inc.

Those present were:

Stuyvesant Wainwright III, Chairman
C. Sherrill Dayton, Member
Robert D. Caruso, Member
Maureen Bluedorn, Member
Kristin Corwin, Member
Elizabeth Baldwin, Village Attorney
William Hajek, Village Planner
Ronald Villano, Architect on behalf of The Blue Parrot
Pamela J. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Wainwright: I will call to order the meeting of the Design Review Board. Let me just remind everybody that today is election day.

Mr. Dayton: Everybody vote.

Mr. Wainwright: And everyone vote for whomever you want to vote for but it is important to go and vote from noon to 9 down at the Fire House. Second floor, Pam?

Ms. Bennett: First floor.

1. Minutes

Mr. Wainwright: The first item on the agenda are the minutes of August 4th which were previously distributed. Any questions, comments? If not, I would appreciate a motion to approve?

Mr. Caruso: I will make that motion.

Ms. Bluedorn: Second.

Mr. Dayton: Second.

Mr. Wainwright: All in favor?

Ms. Corwin: Aye.

Ms. Bluedorn: Aye.

Mr. Caruso: Aye.

2. The Blue Parrot - Premises of Squires Family Limited Partnership – 31 33 Main Street – SCTM #301-3-4-24

Mr. Wainwright: And we have, Ronald, are you with us?

Mr. Villano: Yes, can you hear me?

Mr. Wainwright: Yes, we can.

Mr. Villano: Okay.

Mr. Wainwright: If you would just briefly describe your project.

Mr. Villano: All right. The paved area, the asphalt parking area that is adjacent to The Blue Parrot, they wish for aesthetic purposes only to change it to Belgium block. There is already a section of Belgium block there, they want to continue it and get rid of the asphalt. The asphalt is pretty broken up. So aesthetically it would be an improvement and they are not looking to increase any seating, it is purely for aesthetics.

Mr. Wainwright: And I would assume it is going to be a little harder to have the tables...

Mr. Villano: The tables are not there.

Mr. Wainwright: The tables are there now because I went...

Ms. Bluedorn: Stable.

Mr. Wainwright: To have them stable as opposed to, the bricks will never be perfect.

Mr. Villano: Just like in the, every other place that we did with Belgium block, whether it is in the City, in the street, they have ways of putting things in the bottom to help level it and make it secure.

Ms. Bluedorn: Is it anywhere else in that area, is this new, is this the first one?

Mr. Villano: It is already there in a certain area, there is Belgium block.

Ms. Bluedorn: Where?

Mr. Wainwright: There is Belgium block just outside the door.

Mr. Villano: Correct.

Ms. Bluedorn: But no other facility that, are there other restaurants or facilities, galleries, or anybody else who would want to be doing the same thing? Not that it is the wrong thing to do, it could be aesthetically very nice but...

Mr. Villano: Hopefully...[inaudible]...others to pick up their broken pavement and improve it.

Ms. Bluedorn: So, it is the first one?

Mr. Villano: Honestly, I am not sure. I do not know.

Mr. Wainwright: Maureen, I do not know the answer. We have a lot of it around the Village but it is all on private driveways.

Mr. Caruso: I think the broken pavement asphalt is more dangerous than just having nicely laid Belgium block...

Mr. Dayton: I agree with that.

Mr. Caruso: Square feet. I have been there before and I notice that you could actually trip on the broken asphalt...

Ms. Bluedorn: That is because you, just because you were coming out of The Blue Parrot, it was not the asphalt.

Mr. Caruso: Like if you have more than three margaritas, that is what would happen.

Ms. Bluedorn: It is trouble.

Mr. Wainwright: This is not an intensification of use or anything else, correct?

Mr. Villano: Sure.

Mr. Dayton: It is not going to add any more tables?

Mr. Villano: No, no, we cannot. I went over this with Kent and then I asked the client because he said we would need to submit drawings if they were looking to increase seating but I asked them and they said they are not, they are keeping what they have, this is just, again, aesthetics.

Mr. Wainwright: All right, so they know that if in fact they wanted to, I do not think they could increase seating anyway but...

Mr. Villano: No.

Mr. Wainwright: They would have to come back to us for approval.

Mr. Villano: Correct.

Mr. Wainwright: And I think they would probably have a parking problem, among other things.

Mr. Villano: Yes, that is not the intent which they understand.

Mr. Wainwright: Are there any questions for the applicant?

Mr. Hajek: I have just two comments to make, Stuyvie, if I could?

Mr. Wainwright: Please.

Mr. Hajek: One, that is the area for the septic; the septic system exists there and there are exposed covers right now so I just want to make sure the applicant understands that they have to keep those covers exposed in order to service the existing septic system.

Mr. Villano: Yes.

Mr. Hajek: Okay. And then the second is that you might have to just work with the Building Department, Code Enforcement Office on ensuring that it is ADA accessible because right now the ramp, the ADA ramp, leads to the asphalt area and if you put Belgium block down, I mean it just has to be laid in a way that it maintains its ADA accessibility.

Mr. Villano: Correct, it will, but like I said, the current pavement is terrible.

Mr. Hajek: Okay, I wanted to make two points, that is all.

Mr. Wainwright: Billy, thank you for making those points.

Mr. Caruso: And if they are doing it with the cesspool covers, the Belgium block should be level with the cover. In other words, there should not be a depression where people could trip, it should be flush. When they do lay the Belgium block, they should make sure that they do a really good job of making sure that the Belgium block is laid perfectly flat.

Mr. Villano: Correct, yes.

Mr. Wainwright: If there are no questions, can I have a motion to approve the application?

Mr. Caruso: I make a motion to approve.

Mr. Wainwright: Second?

Ms. Corwin: I will second that.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you.

Mr. Villano: Thank you.

Mr. Wainwright: Any other questions?

Mr. Dayton: No.

Ms. Bluedorn: No.

Mr. Wainwright: Approved.

Mr. Villano: Thank you everyone and go vote.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you very much.

Mr. Caruso: Thank you.

Mr. Wainwright: Is there anything else to come before this virtual Board? I had hoped months ago that we would be able to sit down together but somehow that does not seem to be working.

Ms. Bluedorn: I think we are being, we will be lucky if it is before January.

Mr. Wainwright: We will see, we can only hope.

Ms. Bluedorn: Well we can do social distancing but this works pretty well.

Mr. Dayton: It does.

Mr. Wainwright: Not as good from my mind.

Ms. Bluedorn: I know, I miss you all too.

Mr. Caruso: Just one question, what time, the 5 a.m. coffee club meet next week, is it 5 a.m.?

Ms. Bluedorn: Yes, but you have to bring the coffee if you are going to join us.

Mr. Caruso: I will do it.

Mr. Wainwright: With that said, can I have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Corwin: I make the motion.

Ms. Bluedorn: So moved.

Mr. Wainwright: And a second?

Mr. Dayton: I will second it.

Ms. Bluedorn: Second.

Mr. Wainwright: All in favor? Aye?

Mr. Caruso: Aye.

Ms. Bluedorn: Aye.

Mr. Dayton: Aye.

Mr. Wainwright: Thank you for your assistance. Anything else you need from us

Pam?

Ms. Bennett: No, that is it.

Mr. Wainwright: Okay. Thank you everyone for coming. Thank you, Jody, for

your assistance.

VILLAGE OF EAST HAMPTON, NY
DATE: January 12, 2021
TIME: 2:00 p.m.