
**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
DESIGN REVIEW & PRESERVATION BOARD**

MINUTES

Oct-9-02

Present

J. BIANCO, CHAIRMAN
P. EVANS
J. FORTUNA
N. GOFF
B. KRONENBERGER
B. PLUMLEY

Absent

M. BRADY
D. BROWN
N. STAMLER

Also Present

M. JOHNSON
G. MARTORELLI

The meeting commenced at 5:40 PM.

Upon a motion by B. Kronenberger, seconded by N. Goff, with abstentions noted below, minutes from the June, July, and August and September meetings were approved unanimously.

June	N. Goff abstaining
July	B. Kronenberger and B. Plumley abstaining
August, special	P. Evans and N. Goff abstaining
August, special	J. Fortuna abstaining
September	N. Goff and B. Kronenberger abstaining

First, Robert Yu, proprietor of Mikado's Restaurant presented designs for a new awning and sign. J. Bianco requested more detailed drawings with light schemes and awning depth shown. Upon a motion by J. Fortuna, seconded by N. Goff, the Board voted to approve the proposals as amended upon further review by M. Johnson.

Next, G. Martorelli, owner of Galleria Design Center, presented designs for new signs. B. Plumley noted that this sign would essentially become the first billboard on that stretch of the I-91 Corridor. P. Evans and J. Fortuna moved and seconded approval. Discussion then ensued.

B. Plumley said he was unequivocally against the sign's location. B. Kronenberger said he thought the Board's purview only covered the aesthetics of the sign itself. J. Bianco objected to the size/scale of the sign. G. Martorelli remarked that his business had located there upon the specific allowance of such signage in the Zoning Code. A vote was taken. In favor were: P. Evans, N. Goff, B. Kronenberger, and J. Fortuna. Against were: J. Bianco and B. Plumley.

Next, the Board considered proposed modifications to the Inn at Middletown. On a motion by B. Plumley, seconded by P. Evans, the Board unanimously approved the new design for the fan window at the top of the main facade. With respect to the Inn's restaurant sign, the Board directed staff to contact the Hotel architects and recommend a sign style more in keeping with the historical signage directly across the street.

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Next, the Board revisited a previous sign proposal by Liberty Mutual on Highland Avenue. Upon a motion made by P. Evans, seconded by B. Plumley, the Board approved the sign as proposed. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Munro W. Johnson

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