

MINUTES OF THE APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION
February 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Appearance Review Commission was called to order by Chairman John Robbins at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Members Present: Chairman John Robbins, Brad Meyer, Rich Seneczko and Jennifer Tarello.

Members Absent: Ken Chapin.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff Present: Johanna Bye, Associate Planner.

Commissioner Meyer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tarello, to approve the January 18, 2016, Appearance Review Commission meeting minutes.

Motion carried 4 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**ARC 16-06 K. Hovnanian Homes, Applicant
625 W. Winchester Road**

Request is for approval of new signage.

Commissioner Meyer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Seneczko, to move the item to the bottom of the agenda.

Motion carried 4 - 0.

Chairman Robbins stated that he is ok with the sign other than the web address listed at the bottom.

Commissioner Meyer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Seneczko, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for new signage at 625 W. Winchester Road, subject to the following condition: 1) The web address at the bottom of the sign be removed.

Motion carried 4 - 0.

**ARC 16-07 Yunhe Zhang, Authorized Agent for Xing Fu
801 E. Park Avenue**

Request is for approval of new signage.

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Mr. Gerardo Alvarez, Aguilar Construction, and Mr. Yunhe Zhang, Cheny Furniture, presented new signage for 801 E. Park Avenue.

Mr. Zhang stated that they have a revised wall sign for the north facade as a result of the Staff comment. He stated that the “DAZ Cabinets” portion of the sign has been removed so that it just reads “Cheny Furniture.” He stated that they can do the sign with either a black or white background. He stated that he prefers the black background so that it matches the ground sign. Commissioner Meyer agreed. Commissioner Seneczko stated that “furniture” is white on the monument sign, but red on the north facade wall sign. Mr. Zhang stated that he will make them the same color for consistency. He stated that he prefers it to be white as it stands out more. Commissioner Seneczko stated that “furniture” on the east facade wall sign is red. He asked if the letter faces could be changed from red to white, as it is an existing sign. Mr. Zhang stated that the only issue is cost. Commissioner Seneczko stated that he would prefer that the color of “furniture” remain consistent for all signs, whether red or white. Mr. Zhang stated that he would prefer to have “furniture” stay red on the east facade wall sign, but have it in white on the other two signs.

Commissioner Tarello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for new signage at 801 E. Park Avenue, subject to the following conditions: 1) The wall sign on the north facade identify Cheny Furniture only; 2) The wall sign on the north facade have a black background; and 3) The wall sign on the north facade have “furniture” in white.

Motion carried 3 - 1, with Commissioner Seneczko voting against.

ARC 16-08 The Care of Trees, Authorized Agent for Riva Ridge Umbrella Association
Riva Ridge Umbrella Association

Request is for approval of new landscaping.

Mr. Loren Nagy, The Care of Trees, presented a new landscape plan for Riva Ridge.

Mr. Nagy stated that they are proposing to remove 47 trees. He stated that some, but not all, will be replaced. He stated that the replacement tree species may need to be altered as a result of availability, but that the trees listed are those that they are hoping for. He stated that they would like to plant a variety of trees so that they can increase diversity on the site.

Chairman Robbins asked about the reasons for the decline of trees in Riva Ridge. Mr. Nagy stated that many of the dead or dying trees are Austrian Pines, which are susceptible to disease. He stated that good air flow is important in keeping the trees dry and that over planting prevents this.

Commissioner Meyer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Seneczko, to recommend the Village Board of Trustees approve the application for new landscaping at Riva Ridge Umbrella Association, in accordance with the plans submitted.

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Motion carried 4 - 0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Chairman Robbins asked Ms. Bye to look into the flood lights at Fodrak's. He stated that they should be adjusted as they are shining onto Lincoln Avenue.

Commissioner Meyer moved and Commissioner Tarello seconded a motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 4 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.