



Architectural Advisory Board

Location: George Mason High School Library, Falls Church, Virginia
March 6, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Mr. Bitichi, Mrs. Friedlander, Mr. Osburn, Mr. Way, and Mr. Wong were present. Mrs. Duggan was not present.
2. Petitions: There were no petitions
3. Consent Calendar:
 - a. MUNIS#: #2019-0203 – Installation of building mounted & blade sign at 124 N Washington St – Thompson Italian Restaurant

The board reviewed and discussed the sign package as presented. Concern was raised over precedent with respect to the blade sign. While blade signs may be permitted by right, the board is concerned that other businesses will also desire similar signs and the City may see a preponderance of similar installation requests or installations. That said, the blade sign installation at this particular location is attractive and warranted. The board would prefer the sign to remain with only white bulbs as depicted and not be installed with any colored lights. The board also asked about enforcing maintenance of installed awnings as other similar locations currently have worn and faded awning installations.
4. Other Business: There was no other business
5. Old Business: There was no old business
6. New Business:
 - a. Final Feedback and approval on the Site Plan for the new George Mason High School, located at 7124 Leesburg Pike, RPC #51-221-001, #51-221-002, & #51-221-003 of the Falls Church Real Property Records, zoned B-1, Central Business District. MUNIS#: 2010-0013. Includes presentation from the Applicant.

Following input from City staff and presentation by the applicant, discussion included the following:

The Board feels the project is proceeding very well. The landscaping, architecture, and materials all work well with respect to the site, the adjacent middle school, and overall

design. The Board asked about lighting, traffic and pedestrian flow, parking, security, drainage, and other elements of the plan.

Mrs. Friedlander recommended an acknowledgement or design element be considered at the “focal point” at the western terminus of the central “heart” element.

Mrs. Friedlander made a motion that the plan be accepted as submitted, Mr. Wong seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

7. Administrative Business: Mr. Hollern reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting regarding the SEE for the West Falls Church Project on March 13.
8. Minutes:
 - a. Minutes from the February 2019 meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Friedlander made a motion to accept them as submitted. Mr. Wong seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.