

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Present: Mark Trivella, Chairman
Roberta Boe, Member
Martin Connor, Member and City Planner

Absent: Jim Bobinski, Member
Paul Kundzins, P.E. Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer
John Sullivan, Member
Robert Mileti, Member
Alan Diulio, Member

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Trivella called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Hall, 140 Main Street, Land Use Office, Room 324.
2. **Roll Call:** Mr. Trivella announced present and serving were, Mr. Connor and Mrs. Boe.
3. **Approval of Minutes 8/12/21:** Motion by Mr. Connor to accept the minutes as written, 2nd by Mrs. Boe. Motion carried.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Applicant: Eileen Marriott, Kids Play Children’s Museum Director
KidsPlay Children’s Museum, Inc.
Location: 57 & 69 Main Street
Proposal: Expansion of exhibit galleries, library, and children’s museum: build new storefront: enclose open porch area except for recessed doorway at 57 Main Street and add new storefront with recessed doorway at 69 Main Street

Architect John Martin, AIA, and Eileen Marriott, Kids Play Museum Director, were present to discuss the projects with the Committee and review the Architectural Plans and facade modifications for 57 and 69 Main Street. KidsPlay Children’s Museum, Inc. purchased the former Salvation Army building at 57 Main Street and are planning to expand its exhibit galleries, children’s library and possibly add a small café or retail area into the newly acquired space. The proposed façade will enclose the current “open porch” area incorporating it into the proposed “café” and/or “library” spaces. The windows of the proposed new storefront will be comprised of 1” clear insulated tempered glass in white painted aluminum frames. Contractors will install a Dryvit cladding solution over the column at the façade’s center. The proposed design calls for adding recessed lighting in the interior façade area and some full cut-off exterior lighting. At 69 Main Street also add a new energy efficient storefront using 1” clear insulated tempered glass in white painted aluminum frames will be installed. The plan also encloses the recessed doorway. The Committee was pleased that the plans keep the art deco look of the buildings and tie together the storefronts. The Committee also discussed a possible new marquee which the Committee endorses but the question exists whether the marquee would be located on the Applicant’s or CT DOT property as Main Street is CT Route 800. If on State property will they allow the marquee to be added onto the building? Motion by Mrs. Boe, 2nd by Mr. Trivella to make a favorable recommendation on both projects to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.
Martin J. Connor
Martin J. Connor, AICP
City Planner

cc: ARC, PZC, Mayor, Applicants