



ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 24, 2009

APPLICANT: 896 Ethan Allen Highway

Ritz Asia

MEETING LOCATION: Town Hall Annex
Back Lower Level Conference Room

AAC MEMBERS:

(Place check next to those who attended)

S. Benton

J. Kinnear

W. Arthur

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H. Dimos

J. Mose

S. Benson

G. Lounsbury

G. Smith

ALTERNATES:

ALSO PRESENT: Allen Lin

APPLICATION: Special Permit Site Plan Approval Sign

Exterior Renovation Other: _____

ACTION: AAC recommends design approval as noted

AAC does not recommend design approval

Additional design studies/information requested

Other: _____

COMMENTS, EXCEPTIONS AND/OR RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

The applicant presented two signs for the building, and one freestanding sign.

Building Signs

- 1) The sign over the entryway shall have individual backlit letters spelling "Ritz Asia", with a separate 2'x2' block of Chinese characters. The block sign will be internally lit, the light to come through the characters only and the background to be opaque.
- 2) The sign on the side of the building facing south shall be illuminated by two gooseneck lamps above the sign. The sign will be carved wood, with the name "Ritz Asia". The "i" in "Asia" will be in the form of a lotus plant. The sign shall be located between the two windows on the south elevation.

Freestanding Sign

- 1) This sign shall be a replacement of the existing 4'x6' sign. It shall be internally lit, with an opaque background (no light shall come through the background, only through the lettering and the lotus).

BY: _____ John Kinnear _____



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APPLICANT: 66 Grove Street

Treetops of Ridgefield Town Houses

MEETING LOCATION: Town Hall Annex
Back Lower Level Conference Room

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ALTERNATES:

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Munter

APPLICATION: Special Permit Site Plan Approval Sign

Exterior Renovation Other: Stonewall & mailbox

station

ACTION: AAC recommends design approval as noted

AAC does not recommend design approval

Additional design studies/information requested

Other: _____

COMMENTS, EXCEPTIONS AND/OR RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

The applicant presented designs for a freestanding stone wall with mailboxes recessed in the back side, and a 4'-6" x 5'-0" sign with "Treetops of Ridgefield" on the front. The intent of this construction is to identify the entrance to the residential portion of this property, and to distinguish it from the commercial area. We informed the applicant that they would need a variance because there are already freestanding signs on the property (only one is permitted), and that the sign exceeds 12' sq.ft., which is the maximum size permitted.

We suggested that a set of stone piers with flanking stone wing walls would better suggest the separation between the residential and commercial areas on the property. We also said that we didn't think the mailboxes needed to be part of this stone structure, and that they could be located at a more appropriate place on the site.

The applicant would also like to locate a “Treetops” freestanding sign near the entrance from Quarry Hill Road. We thought this was a good location, but would move it closer to the street. This sign will also require a variance.

The committee complimented the applicant on the design of the Treetops sign/logo.

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