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THE TOWN OF GREENWICH
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Greenscape Committee
Friday – July 15, 2022 – 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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MEETING AGENDA

To discuss the proposed Greenwich Avenue Intersection improvements at the intersections of Arch/Havemeyer and Fawcett/Grigg Street, as requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their 7/7/2022 regular meeting.

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Overall graphic comments:

1. Can the proposed plans be shown over an aerial.
2. Suggest adding a color (light gray?) to show call pedestrian sidewalk areas so it easier to see where people can go.

Overall project comments from Jim Michel, Town of Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works:

1. Keep the patios as patios to address the equity issue but if the Commission decides in the fall to get rid of the dining nodes he can easily make it into a landscape area. They want to break ground in the spring of 2023.

2. The crosswalk from the traffic island to the front of restoration hardware should be considerably widened so that when you are walking onto it from the sidewalk it is a straight line and further it will increase visibility for cars in that lane looking to make a right turn through the slip road. The road island will be like the paving in Old Greenwich and can't be a planted island due to the need for trucks to run over it to make the turn through the slip road.

3. The conduits for the traffic lights can be put in the road but it is not desirable because if and when traffic lights are ever brought forth, they will have to dig up the area anyway.

Greenwich Ave / Havemeyer Place Intersection:

Motion by: Richard Hein   Second by: JoAnn Messina

Motion of a recommendation and endorsement to the P&Z Commission noting the following:
1. The proposed design now preserves the historical integrity of this intersection, especially the triangular forms by the former post office. It is believed that the spine of Greenwich Ave. is preserved and even enhanced with the proposed design.

2. What is the net greenscape improvements to the area?

3. Can Arch Street be improved with more greenscape and still facilitate the needed of all sightlines and delivery trucks.

4. What is the impact to the trees on the Board of Ed. Property, can measures be done to help mitigate trauma to them?

5. Should sidewalks / crosswalks be widened?

6. Should speed humps be incorporated with the pedestrian crosswalks?

7. For John Conte, PLA, to comment on the proposed planting plan when ready.

8. Thought to be given to the pedestrian connection in front of the Havemeyer Building to Greenwich Ave.

9. For shade street to be introduced as much as possible throughout the design to reduce heat island effects and benefit the pedestrian experience.

**Greenwich Ave / Grigg Street / Fawcett Place Intersection and Mason Street / Fawcett Place Intersection:**

Motion by: Richard Hein    Second by: JoAnn Messina

Motion of a recommendation and endorsement to the P&Z Commission noting the following:

1. The group notes the improvements from the original presentation: the sidewalks and crosswalks seems to be aligned to the pedestrian flow, plant beds have been scaled and geometries refined.

2. HC parking was noted to be taken into account

3. Opportunities for new planting are presented, and planting is encouraged with emphasis on street trees. When street trees are not deemed appropriate (because of sightlines or other restraints), it is suggested the design team meet with Dr. Kramer and Greenscape Committee members, to determine the next best plant option(s).

4. Suggest the removal of older failing trees to be replanted with trees that Dr. Kramer recommends to help unify the Greenwich Ave experience.

5. It is strongly encouraged to use Silva Cell, or a like product, for the street tree plants within this MI. *(The Silva Cell recommendation is for this specific MI project, but it is noted that this technology should be considered in all street tree projects across Town whenever possible to help the survival of the street trees and additional plantings in the urban landscape.)*

Meeting adjourned 2:54 p.m.