

# MEETING MINUTES



**Village Of Homewood  
Appearance Commission  
February 04, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

**Village Hall Board Room  
and audio conferencing  
2020 Chestnut Road  
Homewood, IL 60430**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Members attended remotely via zoom; Members Zander, Grant, Hrymak, Quirke, and Chairman Wright were present. Members Burlison and Hayes were absent. In attendance from the Village were Director of Economic and Community Development Angela Mesaros, and Building Department Secretary Darlene Leonard.

**NOTE:** Due to the Governor's emergency order because of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing recommendations, and the Chairman finding that, pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, an in-person meeting was not prudent, conducted the meeting via video/audio. This meeting was open to the public. All Commissioners and the public were able to hear one another as well as all discussion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Wright asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for September 3, 2020. There were no changes or corrections.

**AYES:** Members Grant, Hrymak, Quirke, Zander, and Chairman Wright

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Members Burlison and Hayes

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the audience.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Case No. 21-02, 17928 Halsted Street, Façade Improvements Approval:** Chairman Wright introduced the case and invited Staff Liaison Mesaros to give a brief overview.

Chairman Wright introduced Nandini Ramasesh from Brinker. Ms. Ramasesh stated that the façade improvements are part of a nationwide reimage to more earthy colors. The awnings will be changing from fabric to a black metal, which will help with upkeep and maintenance, and all lights would be changed to LED.

Chairman Wright asked Ms. Ramasesh how long the Chili's has been at this location. Ms. Ramasesh stated she was unsure and that she would have to look it up. Chairperson Wright stated that it has to be at least 20 years. Member Hrymak stated that it has been over 10 years, but he is going by his children's ages then and now.

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Chairman Wright stated that everyone did get packets with the proposed improvements. Ms. Ramasesh stated that typically the finishes and colors would be handed out in person. Chairman Wright stated that it is understandable with the weather and COVID.

Member Hrymak stated that it is nice that the design and color is being toned down, but it is not a big deal the way it has been. Member Hrymak asked is anything else is being changed. Ms. Ramasesh stated that the red tends to fade into a pink, which is partly Chili's getting away from it.

Member Hrymak stated that it is requested that they continue to maintain the landscaping. Ms. Ramasesh stated that the construction managers look at the landscaping and that would be taken care of with the reimage.

Member Quirke stated that he agrees with what Member Hrymak said that the new design would be a lot cleaner and a lot more fitting with what is around it and the architecture.

Chairman Wright asked Ms. Ramasesh if it is dry board or synthetic stucco on the building. Ms. Ramasesh stated that it is the same material and façade over it; that it is just hardy board.

Member Quirke stated that he loved the redesign of the logo.

Member Grant asked if concerning the lighting, there are any issues or codes in question with the number of lights around the building.

Chairman Wright asked is there is anything being done to the lighting that exists.

Ms. Ramasesh stated that no new lights are being added, except the LED light strip along the top of the building and the rest of the lights are being changed to LED bulbs.

Chairman Wright asked Staff Liaison Mesaros if there are any issues with the lights. Staff Liaison Mesaros stated that there are no issues as long as the brightness does not change.

Chairman Wright asked if that would be submitted to Staff Liaison Mesaros. Staff Liaison Mesaros stated that it would, but only if it changes.

Chairman Wright asked how that would effect it. Staff Liaison Mesaros stated that only if the brightness changed would it have to be submitted.

Ms. Ramasesh stated that the brightness would not change.

Chairman Wright stated that Ms. Mesaros would work with Ms. Ramasesh if there were any issues.

Member Zander stated that it is a beautiful paint job and asked if the stonework would remain the same. Member Zander asked if the logo and letters would remain the same.

Ms. Ramasesh stated that the signage is changing. The logo is updated and no new signs would be added. Ms. Ramasesh stated that the logo and letters are different, but they will remain the same size.

Chairman Wright asked Staff Liaison Mesaros if there are any issues. Staff Liaison Mesaros stated there are no issues with the signage unless it changes size.

Chairman Wright stated he has no objections.

Chairman Wright asked Ms. Ramasesh when the work would start. Ms. Ramasesh stated there are 300 projects coming up, and Homewood is scheduled to start on May 2.

Motion was made by Member Hrymak to recommend approval of Case 21-02 – façade improvements at the Chili's Restaurant at 17928 Halsted Street; Seconded by Member Zander.

AYES: Members Grant, Hrymak, Quirke, Zander, and Chairman Wright.

NAYES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Members Burlison and Hayes.

Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Member Quirke to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.; seconded by Member Zander. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Mesaros  
Staff Liaison