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Re: Design Guidelines Narrative
King Street Commons Site Development

On behalf of 550 King Street, LLC, "the Applicant", TEC, Inc. respectfully submits this design guidelines narrative along with Form 1H Village Common & King Street Common FBC Area Supplement to demonstrate how the proposed King Street Commons Development conforms to the design guidelines found in Section 173-222 of the Town of Littleton's Zoning Regulations:

- a. **The assembly of primary massings and building components should differ for buildings on abutting lots, except in circumstances where lot width restricts the assembly options that are available.**
The assembly of primary massings and building components will differ for buildings on abutting lots.
- b. **Architectural design should not seek to exactly replicate the Town of Littleton's existing historic structures, but rather complement the Town's architectural character with contemporary design that references underlying patterns in window configuration, wall materials, and visually interesting architectural details such as siding, corner details, window and door surrounds, shutters, and awnings.**
The architectural design of the King Street Commons Site Development will complement the Town's architectural character with a traditional New England style architecture along King Street. Perspective renderings provided to the Board depict the architectural intent, detailed Elevation Drawings for each building will be provided during the subsequent Site Plan Reviews.
- c. **The selection of materials, windows, doors, and ornamentation should result in a consistent and harmonious composition that appears as a unified whole rather than a collection of unrelated parts, whatever the architectural style.**
Materials and architectural components such as windows, doors, and ornamentation will be selected with the intention of creating balanced and unified building compositions. Detailed Elevation Drawings for each building will be provided during the subsequent Site Plan Reviews.
- d. **The type and color of materials used for a building should be kept to a minimum, preferably three or less. Wall materials should have the appearance of natural materials such as wood or stone with a non-metallic finish and should be consistent on all exterior walls.**
The differences in type and color of materials used for the proposed buildings will be limited to promote a harmonious and consistent aesthetic. The materials used will resemble natural materials and complement the surrounding area.

- e. **Galleries and porches should be constructed out of light steel, wood, or other material(s) with the appearance of wood.**
Galleries and porches will be constructed out of light steel, wood, or material(s) resembling the appearance of wood.
- f. **Landscape design in the frontage area should be coordinated with the abutting public sidewalk to provide additional pedestrian amenities such as seating opportunities and additional trees.**
The abutting public sidewalk and landscape design in the frontage of the site will be coordinated to provide additional trees, patios and pedestrian amenities in this area.
- g. **Site landscaping should prioritize the use of materials that are common to Littleton's agrarian cultural history, such as short stone walls, pervious ground covers, and wood decking.**
The landscape design of the site will prioritize the use of materials common to Littleton's agrarian history such as short stone walls, wood decking, and pervious ground covers. Detailed Landscaping Plans shall be provided during the subsequent Site Plan Reviews.
- h. **Site landscaping should prioritize the use of native plant species and xeriscape.**
The use of native species and xeriscape will be prioritized. Detailed Landscaping Plans shall be provided during the subsequent Site Plan Reviews.
- i. **Rain Gardens and bioswales should be installed to infiltrate runoff from parking lots, thoroughfares, entry plazas, dining patios, and other impervious surfaces.**
Stormwater runoff generated from the proposed impervious surfaces including pavement, dining patios, and other surfaces will be directed into rain gardens, bioswales, and other stormwater management facilities to ensure proper treatment and drainage on the site.
- j. **Where vegetative solutions are not feasible, porous concrete or porous asphalt should be used for sidewalks, parking lots, entry plazas, and dining patios to infiltrate stormwater.**

Alternatives such as porous pavers for patio and landscaped areas will be utilized for this project wherever vegetative solutions are not feasible for stormwater infiltration.
- k. **Existing historic structures should be preserved and incorporated into new development to every extent practicable.**
The project proposes to preserve and incorporate the historic Tuttle House as part of the development by designing walkways and green spaces directly adjacent to the structure.
- l. **Buildings intended for people age 55 or over should be designed with the features specified in § 173-149, Age-appropriate design.**
All proposed buildings on the site intended for people age 55 or over will be designed in accordance with § 173-149, Age-appropriate design.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions at (978) 794-1792. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
TEC, Inc.
"The Engineering Corporation"



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