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DRAFT - September 20, 2017

TO: Andy Rodenhiser, Planning and Economic Development Board
FROM: Matthew Buckley, Chairman
RE: DRC Comments – Choate and Oakland Park Site Plans

The Design Review Committee [DRC] has prepared an update to the August 7, 2017 list of recommendations and questions that were generated during our initial review of the Oakland and Choate Park site plans. The DRC met with CBA representative DJ Chagnon on September 11th. During this meeting, Mr. Chagnon provided several updates and answered a variety of questions. He also supplied catalogs of site amenities and material colors, for which he sought recommendations. Additional updates were provided in print for the DRC's review at our September 18th meeting. **This new information is reflected in the DRC's supplemental comments provided in this letter.** The DRC requests that each of these changes be included in print on any updated plans. As always, the DRC remains available to provide input at any point during this important project and would gladly furnish recommendations on any design element.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The DRC recommends a master signage program for all of the parks in this program and is willing to work specifically to help achieve this goal. The established template may then be available for other sites within the town. **Mr. Chagnon indicated that this was not within the scope of work for this project. He agreed that no new signs would be introduced to the parks aside from adding a way-finding sign at the new Senior Center entrance.**
- The DRC is prepared to provide recommendations on the color selections for the playground equipment.
Based on the catalogue provided by O'Brien the DRC recommends selections
For Choate: C & I on page 232-235 with a mottled brown rubber ground.
For Oakland: K on page 232-235 with a mottled brown rubber ground.
- The DRC recommends that the light have a lower, warmer color temperature. **The CBA update indicates that the lights will comply with this recommendation.**

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- The DRC recommends that ample shade be provided in the play area, via vegetation of sailcloth style systems. Mr. Chagnon demonstrated that the sail cloth was not a viable option. Vegetation in the form of larger caliper trees will provide the needed shade.

CHOATE PARK:

- The DRC recommends that the covered pavilion have significant architectural elements that are linked to the Thayer property, such as materials, colors and roof style/pitch. Mr. Chagnon shared images of a pavilion design that achieves the recommendations. The structure also includes wood buttresses similar to those at the Oakland Park pavilion. The DRC was shown several color choices and recommends Pewter Gray for the roofing shingles, Sherman-Williams semi-solid finish in Cedar for the structure, and the fascia trim in White Birch. The roof included a wooden cupola and the DRC also recommends the use of the White Birch color for it.
- The DRC recommends that the splash pad have an off-season usage, such as an educational painting like a map or the solar system. The DRC was shown four design options for the splash-pad and recommends the compass form. The DRC would recommend that the colors for this design be complimentary to the adjacent playground equipment.
- The DRC would like to provide feedback on the proposed park benches, locations and any other seating systems. The DRC was shown several park benches and recommends the full size ribbon style benches in style #58 and the backless benches in style #92, each in black. Moveable picnic tables for the pavilion were shown and the decks should be “redwood” (this is in fact weathered wood gray) with black frames. The DRC was also shown trash receptacles that are in an appropriate style. These too will be black.
- The DRC recommends that clear passageways be created for pedestrians moving through, in and/or out of the parking area. This recommendation will be reviewed.

OAKLAND PARK:

- The DRC recommends that the pathways between the Senior Center and the park be lighted. Mr. Chagnon indicated that this recommendation would be followed.
- The DRC recommends that the dumpster enclosure at the front of the site be removed and the trash collection be located in a less conspicuous location. Mr. Chagnon indicated that this recommendation would be followed.

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- The DRC recommends that if a second entryway is created at this site from Oakland Street (a new one for the Senior Center and the existing entry for Oakland Park) that two separate and different entryway signs be installed. **Mr. Chagnon indicated that this recommendation would be followed.**
- The DRC recommended that the very large sized rubber play area include some pattern or graphic to break up the field. Mr. Chagnon forwarded a sample of an oak leaf pattern in four styles. The DRC agreed that this would be appropriate in red, green and orange colors. The drawing showed a density of leaves that the DRC finds to be too great. The DRC recommends that no more than fifty percent of what is shown, be included in the final design and the pattern should be randomized.
- **The DRC was shown colors for the pavilion and utility building. The DRC recommends that the utility building be in Chestnut with doors in Brown Green RAL6008. The pavilion should be in Tavern Oak. Both structures should have roofs in Slate color.**
- **The DRC was shown styles from the DuMor catalogue for the park benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles. After discussion with Mr. Chagnon, the DRC recommends trash container #70 in black, benches #165 and 166 in black powder coat with redwood (weathered wood gray) slats, square tables and chairs #78-32 in black with redwood slats, trash receptacles #70 in black with redwood, and bike rack #83 in black.**

The DRC respectfully submits these review comments for the applicant's consideration. Once again, the Committee is available to discuss any of these points and would gladly offer any additional recommendations.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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