

Mayor Tracey Furman

**Council Member Darin Bartram
Council Member Bridget Hill-Zayat**



**Council Member Conor Crimmins
Council Member Duane Rollins**

**Meeting Notes
Development Review Board
Thursday, October 4th, 7:30 pm
Map Room, 2nd Floor at Town Hall**

Committee Chair: TJ Monahan; Darin Bartram and Conor Crimmins, Co-Chairs

- Please provide Minutes for the Meeting

Committee Members: Martha Deale; Brian Hak; Mike Henehan; and Paul Sexton

Call to Order

Old Items

1. **Solera Reserve Kensington (10540 Metropolitan Avenue)** – Discuss the proposed site plan changes to the two existing historic structures on the property.
2. **1784 Capital Holdings (10619 Connecticut Avenue)** – Discuss the resubmitted site plan for the proposed self storage and retail project.

Meeting Notes

10619 Connecticut ave

- Can we have an active first floor where upper floors look like residential or commercial?
- The county has commissioned a study that shows a high end retailer is looking for a space with a depth of 60ft and a height of 15ft
- The self storage use is conditional - not by right
- A self storage use on that corner would help to mitigate traffic concerns
- A self storage use, as designed, on that corner would kill pedestrian traffic - the retail spaces are too small to attract a high end restaurant or retailer
- How is this use in the best interest of town residents? Do we want/need another storage facility?
- Does the developer really want to work as partners with the town? Given the lack of meaningful changes from our last meeting, and their submittal to the county without additional feedback, it would seem they do not
- This building, if it were to be an amenity to the town, should be retail first and storage second. This looks like a storage building with retail tacked on
- Recommending the mayor call the attorney for the developer to express our displeasure with the current design, and a few points for them to consider while redesigning (should they choose to)

Solera Reserve

- What is the vertical siding? Does it need to be vertical siding (just curious)?
- The new design looks great
- What does the development team need from us?
- The development team has been a great partner for the town in this project. What, if anything, can the town do to help to expedite the process for them?
- Recommending the mayor call the development team to pass along the sentiments