



City of Somerville

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

DESIGN REVIEW RECOMMENDATION

67 Broadway

March 11, 2021

The Urban Design Commission (UDC) met virtually via GoToWebinar on January 22, 2021 and February 23, 2021 to review proposed modifications to the existing principal building at 67 Broadway. The purpose of design review, as established by the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, is for peers in the professional design community to provide advice and recommendations to Applicants during the schematic design phase of the design process. In accordance with the UDC's adopted Rules of Procedure and Section 15.1.4 Design Review of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, this design review recommendation for modifications to an existing principal building includes only the following:

1. Additional guidance and recommended modifications to address any outstanding design issues or concerns.

Design review was conducted over the course of two meetings and the Commission guided the Applicant through one revision to the proposed design. Recommendations that were incorporated into the design through the review process include relocation of the retail entry to the central bay, improvement of the definition and visibility of the entrance using differentiated paving, bollards to protect the storefronts from abutting handicapped parking spaces, additional landscape buffering between the parking lot and abutting lots, and removal of an outdoor trash receptacle storage area.

Following a presentation of revisions by the Applicant and review of the submitted materials, the Commission provided the following final guidance and recommended modifications:

- Bollards, heavy planters, or a similar feature should demarcate the differentiated 'entryway' paving to prevent its possible use as an unmarked parking space.

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend the guidance and design modifications identified above.

Attest, by the voting membership:

Deborah Fennick
Andrew Arbaugh
Heidi Cron
Tim Talun

Attest, by the UDC Co-Chair:

Sarah Lewis

Evolution of proposed design

January 22, 2021



February 23, 2021

