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DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

The City of Somerville Design Review Committee held a public meeting on **Thursday, February 7, 2019**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

The purpose of the meeting was to review and make **recommendations** on the following proposal:

1. **300 Somerville Avenue:** Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 300 Somerville Avenue, LLC are seeking design review of a proposed 10-unit mixed-used structure. The proposal will require zoning relief.
 - a. **Applicant:** Elan Sassoon
 - b. **Project Team:** Jai Singh Khalsa - Architect, Richard G. DiGirolamo, Esq. – Attorney,
 - c. **Project Highlights by the Project Team:**
 - i. Convert former church into 10 residential units with some demolition and a new addition and some retail space. All of the units will be duplex units.
 - ii. Materials, cast stone, glass canopy, gray aluminum mullion systems, granite base, and smooth stone cap.
 - d. **DRC Comments:**
 - e. **Connectivity:**
 - i. The DRC expressed concerns about meeting egress and handicapped accessibility requirements for particular units. The Applicant will show an updated second means of egress.
 - f. **Building operations/services:**
 - i. The DRC stated that they would like to see more details on the proposed trash storage locations, gas and electric utility locations, mailbox locations, and vents/air handling units.
 - ii. The DRC requested a detailed landscape plan that shows where the building's operational equipment will be located on the site. Once this equipment is accounted for, it does not appear the proposed landscaping scheme will be viable.
 - g. **Landscape:**
 - i. The landscape plan shows trees located right on the property line and close to two buildings, The DRC believes that the trees will not survive. The landscape plan should be reconsidered to take this into account.
 - h. **Design:**
 - i. The DRC would like the Applicant to indicate the dormer slope.

- ii. The DRC requested building sections drawing.

2. Other Business

There was no other business discussed

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