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# CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## Urban Design Commission

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### MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the City of Newton Urban Design Commission (UDC) was held virtually on Wednesday, **August 10, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85810847200>

Ruthanne Fuller,  
Mayor

**The Chair, Michael Kaufman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.**

#### I. Roll Call

Barney Heath,  
Director  
Planning & Development

Those present were Michael Kaufman (Chair), Jim Doolin (Vice Chair), Bill Winkler, Robert Linsky, Carol Todreas, and John Downie. Shubee Sikka, Urban Designer was also present.

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Urban Designer  
Planning & Development

#### II. Regular Agenda

##### Sign Permits

##### **1. 624-628 Commonwealth Avenue – Bubbles & Brews**

###### Proposed Signs:

1. One awning mounted principal sign, non-illuminated, with approximately 18 sq. ft. of sign area on the northern façade facing Commonwealth Avenue.

Members  
Michael Kaufman, Chair  
Jim Doolin, Vice Chair  
John Downie  
Robert Linsky  
Carol Todreas  
William Winkler  
Visda Saeyan

**MOTION: Mr. Kaufman made a motion to approve the signs at 624-628 Commonwealth Avenue – Bubbles & Brews. Mr. Linsky seconded the motion, and none opposed. All the members present voted, with a 6-0 vote, Michael Kaufman, Jim Doolin, John Downie, Robert Linsky, Carol Todreas, and William Winkler in favor and none opposed.**

##### **2. 1349 Centre Street – Unique Boutique**

###### Proposed Signs:

1. One wall mounted principal sign, non-illuminated, with approximately 9 sq. ft. of sign area on the eastern building façade facing Centre Street.

1000 Commonwealth Ave.  
Newton, MA 02459  
T 617/796-1120  
F 617/796-1142

Applicant: Steve Schwede, Fast Signs

###### Presentation and Discussion:

The Commission had the following the comments:

- This building should not have signs on the second floor.
- The Commission recommended the applicant explore other sign location options at the July meeting and made a few recommendations for different

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locations. At the August meeting, the applicant did not demonstrate the reason for why other locations on the first floor do not work.

**MOTION: Mr. Kaufman made a motion to deny the sign at 1349 Centre Street – Unique Boutique. Ms. Todreas seconded the motion, and none opposed. All the members present voted, with a 6-0 vote, Michael Kaufman, Jim Doolin, John Downie, Robert Linsky, Carol Todreas, and William Winkler in favor and none opposed.**

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and there was general agreement among the members.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by Shubee Sikka**

**Approved on September 14, 2022**