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DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS and MINUTES

The City of Somerville Design Review Committee held a public meeting on **Thursday, July 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.** in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

231 Lowell Street

Description: Review of the site plan and design for 19 residential units in 3 structures. The DRC reviewed the proposal on July 24, 2014 and was reviewing a redesign of the proposal. The revised plan incorporates a sidewalk into the site along Woodbine Street and creates a commercial unit on the first floor of the building on Lowell Street, as requested by community members. The residential building has an industrial feel that draws from the Lowell Street neighborhood plan. The utilities were moved from the roof to the second floor roof to reduce the prominence of them. The trash and recycling area and commercial parking spaces were moved to a more function place to address the DRC's concern. The materials were discussed. The DRC recommendations on the design included:

- The Committee wanted to make sure that the metal panel on the two-family house would run down the two long walls of the house at the corner boards instead of introducing another material here.
- The DRC stated that the gesture of the plaza was important and that its design with the shared court could use more work.
- The condenser should be moved next to the two-family house to provide direct access to the shared green space next to the back unit.
- The turning radius for the parking spaces at the end of the driveway should be checked to make sure they are functional.

SPGA: Zoning Board of Appeals

Other Business

None

