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Minutes
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Colonie Planning Commission was held at Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road Albany, NY 12205 on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Chairman: Chris Dennis

Commissioners: John Martin
Brittany Kendall
Kenny Hart-absent
Jim Splonskowski
Mark Stevens
Alison Curran

Village Attorney: Victor Caponera-absent
Village Engineer: R.J. Laberge

Liaison: Patty Schwarz Lockart

Chairman Dennis opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., Commissioner Kendall led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested that all electronic devices be turned off or muted. The meeting was then closed for a Public Hearing and reopened at 8:00 PM. The Commission reviewed the

regular meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Splonskowski seconded the motion.

Vote: unanimous to approve

Change of Occupant
59 Broderick Street
Home Auto Window Tinting Business

The Planning Commission has thirty days to render a decision upon completion of the Public Hearing. Discussion relating to submitted and presented comments relating to decision on proposed project was tabled until the next meeting of the Commission.

Change of Occupant
1595 Central Avenue
Anand Mart, Inc.

There were no representatives present from Anand Mart. This is a change in occupancy of an existing gas station and minimart with no other proposed changes.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Occupant for Anand Mart, Inc. located at 1595 Central Avenue with the condition that the fence be repaired no later than June 1, 2024. Commissioner Splonskowski seconded the motion.

Vote: unanimous to approve

Change of Occupant
1770 Central Avenue
Just Smokeshop, Inc.

Mr. Adam Leonardo, Rosetti Properties and Mr. Almaliki, applicant, appeared before the Commission.

Mr. Leonardo stated that Mr. Almaliki will be opening a smoke shop in the space formerly occupied by Ye Olde Locksmith. He will be selling tobacco products, cigars, tobacco accessories and CBD products.

Commissioner Stevens had a question about the required versus available parking on the site. The Commission recently approved the parking plan for the Village Square Shopping Center based on multiple tenants and variable time of usage.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Occupant for Just Smokeshop, Inc. located at 1770 Central Avenue. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion.

Vote: unanimous to approve

Change of Occupant
1593 Central Ave.
Cali King

Mr. Steve Cronin and Ms. Drasana Johnson, applicant, appeared before the Commission. Ms. Johnson will be taking the space previously occupied by Brownies.

Commissioner Martin questioned the lack of a parking sheet with the application. It was stated that the use with regard to peak clientele is like the previous tenant so there should be no concerns regarding parking.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Occupant for Cali King located at 1593 Central Avenue. Commissioner Splonskowski seconded the motion.

Vote: unanimous to approve

Discussion:

Chairman Dennis stated that he received an email that obtained the new lighting for 5 Fritz Blvd. Chairman Dennis requested that the plans be sent to the other Commission members and requested that they be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding 1537 & 1539 Central Avenue. Concerns regarding parking in front of the dumpster and truck deliveries were voiced. Village Engineer Laberge stated he had sent a letter with his review of the recent submittal to the applicant.

One Park Place – Village Attorney Caponera has spoken with the attorney for Picotte who has provided a letter received from former Mayor Milton stating that the Village will maintain the access road. Village Engineer Laberge stated that there should have been a Board of Trustees resolution stating the road will be maintained by the Village. Engineer Laberge stated that this is not a Planning Commission issue. It is a Board of Trustees issue.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM.
Commissioner Splonskowski seconded.

Vote: unanimous to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Rueckert - Planning Coordinator