

Village of Colonie PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018 6:30 P.M.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Colonie Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018

ROLL CALL: Chairman Chris Dennis

Commissioners: John Martin

Ann Krause (Absent) Mike Tommaney (Absent)

Peter Chudzinski

Kenny Hart Dan Judge

Village Attorney: Victor Caponera

Village Engineer: R.J. Laberge

Code Enforcement: Mike Cerone

Chairman Dennis opened the meeting at 6:30. Commissioner Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked that all phones and pagers be silenced. The Commission reviewed the minutes from December 4, 2018. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes as amended.

APPLICANT:

1615 CENTRAL AVE CALIBER COLLISION

Ms. Linda Thompson of Caliber Collision came before the Commission to seek a façade change. Ms. Thompson stated that Caliber Collision was previously H&V Collision and H&V had a green stripe around the building facade. Ms. Thompson explained that Caliber Collision would like to paint the green stripe currently on the building black to conform to their color scheme. Attorney Caponera asked Ms. Thompson if this request is as shown on the submitted color rendering. Ms. Thompson stated yes and all Caliber is requesting is to repaint the green stripe black. Commissioner Hart asked if any other changes will be made to the exterior of the building. Ms. Thompson stated no.

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Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the exterior façade changes as depicted on the December 3, 2018 color rendering for Caliber Collision dated December 3, 2018. Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve the application as presented.

APPLICANT:

1894 CENTRAL AVE 1894 CENTTRAL AVENUE, LLC (OWNERSHIP CHANGE)

Mr. John Hayko, attorney representing 1894 Central Avenue, LLC, came before the Commission to present an ownership change for 1894 Central Ave, a parcel that currently has Mavis Tire operating on it. Mr. Hayko stated that 1894 Central Avenue, LLC is a Rhode Island business with authority to do business within New York State. Mr. Hayko stated that he represents the new owner of 1894 Central Ave, there will be no changes made to the property or existing leaseholder. Chairman Dennis stated that the bay doors at Mavis Tire have been open in the summertime which is in violation of their site plan approval. Chairman Dennis stated that the bay doors do not open up to residential space. A discussion ensued regarding whether the doors are to be closed as previously approved or Mavis must entertain additional landscaping along the driveway side in order to permit the doors to be open during business hours. Chairman Dennis suggested some evergreens to break up the visual, not to hide the front entrance doors to the building but to block the visual of the bay doors from Central Ave. Chairman Dennis stated that new landscaping has to be at least 6 feet in height and denser then that is there. Chairman Dennis showed Mr. Hayko the approved landscaping plan for Mavis Tire and pointed out where the Commission would like to see denser plantings.

Mr. Hayko stated that the property was closed on December 3rd and what the buyer was provided by the seller what the Commission is provided in this submittal. Chairman Dennis explained that the deciduous trees planted loses their leaves and fullness and stated the site plan approval was based on the bay doors being closed. Chairman Dennis stated that he option is to comply with the doors staying shut or dress up the green space. Attorney Caponera asked if Mr. Hayko was a part of the original meeting. Mr. Hayko stated that he was not a part of the Mavis application. He was recently brought on for the change of ownership. Attorney Caponera read aloud the minutes from the April 4, 2017 meeting in which the applicant stated the doors will be closed at all times and the applicant will install a fan system for the summer months. Mr. Hayko asked that if Mavis does not want to keep the doors closed, adding appropriate landscaping, pending approval, will be sufficient. Commissioner Martin stated yes, and added that landscaping may be replaced or added and Commissioner Martin suggested adding. Engineer Laberge asked if there was enough to add in between the existing trees. Chairman Dennis stated that the existing trees are small caliber so there should be enough room to add some evergreens. Engineer Laberge stated that it would really break up the front of the building and shield the doors when open. Chairman Dennis suggested 6 foot conifers.

Commissioner Chudzinski asked if there have been any noise complaints. Chairman Dennis stated no, however this business is the doorway to the Village. Chairman Dennis stated that if Mavis decides to implement the landscaping option and it is something that cannot be done until spring,

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an escrow account can be set up with a time table of when the work can be completed. Mr. Hayko stated that he will bring the options back to the owners and Mavis. Mr. Hayko requested a copy of the approved landscaping plan be e-mail to him. Coordinator Hart stated she will e-mail it tomorrow.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Tobin and the Commission discussed a potential alternate member for the Commission. The Commission does not currently have an alternate member.

The Commission discussed potential applications for the next meeting.

The Commission canceled the January 1st meeting due to the holiday. The next meeting will be January 15, 2019.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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