

## Village of Colonie PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 6:30 P.M.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Colonie Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Chris Dennis

Commissioners: John Martin

Ann Krause 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 p.m. Commissioner Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked that all electronic devices be silenced. The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from August 20, 2019. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Krause seconded the motion.

**APPLICANT:** 

14 PETRA LANE SMS PETRA LLC (SITE PLAN)

Mr. Jerry Mirochnik, property owner was present before the Commission to seek approval on the ongoing application for a new warehouse at 14 Petra Lane. Mr. Mirochnik stated that all comments have been answered and amended on the proposed site plan. Engineer Laberge stated that the Commission needs to vote on the Environmental Assessment Form, special permit and site plan application.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the EAF; based on the information provided this action should have no significant environmental impacts. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve the EAF.

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Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the special permit. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve the special permit

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the site plan amendment at 14 Petra Lane. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve the site plan as presented.

**APPLICATION:** 

16 WALKER WAY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS (CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY)

Mrs. Mary Clark, property owner, Mr. Craig Darby from CBRE and Mr. Ed Cubanski from The American Red Cross were present before the Commission to provide an updated site plan for the ongoing project at 16 Walker Way. Mrs. Clark stated that the applicant has resubmitted a site plan application as per the Commission's request and added that Mr. Clark included a detailed letter explaining the size of vehicles and color- coded parking spaces for each tenant. Mrs. Clark stated that there will be double parking spaces for the buses, minivans and passenger vans. Commissioner Martin stated that there are 16 double parking spaced indicated on the site plan. Mrs. Clark stated that the double spaces count as one parking space when the larger vehicles are parked but when they leave for a blood drive, it opens two parking spaces for employees.

Chairman Dennis asked for a detail of what vehicles will be on the site. Mrs. Clark stated that there will be 9 promotional vans, 12 minivans, 1 bus and five 15 passenger vehicles. Attorney Caponera asked if there are pictures of the vehicles as requested at the last meeting. Mrs. Clark stated that there are no pictures provided, however the narrative details the size of each vehicle. Commissioner Hart asked if the blacktop will be replacing existing green space. Mrs. Clark stated yes and indicated on the site plan where the greenspace will be converted to blacktop. Commissioner Martin asked if the green space noted on the site plan site statistics is the current calculation or the proposed resulting green space. Mrs. Clark stated that it is the proposed green space amounts and added that the proposed action would only decrease the current greenspace by 3%. Mrs. Clark stated that the greenspace is currently 40.15 and the proposed is 40.05. Commissioner Martin requested that the curb separating the new paved area from the green space be delineated on the site plan. Chairman Dennis asked about current building vacancies and their associated tenant spaces availability. Mrs. Clark stated that there is 5,000 square feet vacant in the building and 15 parking spaces left available.

Attorney Caponera asked if this Red Cross operation is similar to the one at the Everett Road location. Mr. Cubanski stated that this location at Walker Way will be a different service than the one at the Everett Road location. Mr. Cubanski stated that the Walker Way location is used to mobilize vans and employees to blood drive sites while the Everette Road location has on site blood drives; the business operations will not be the same. Attorney Caponera asked if the same emergency vehicles that are stored at Everett Road will also be stored at Walker Way. Mr. Cubanski stated no.

Chairman Dennis stated that 15 over sized vehicles take up all but 1 parking space in the new area and asked where the employees will be parking. Mrs. Clark stated that 4 employee parking spaces were provided for in the rear of the building as designated on the site plan. The American Red Cross parking will be marked by signs and as the vans move out, each double-parking space opens for 2 regular sized employee vehicles. The Commission requested that the parking spaces be designated for American Red Cross only, parking spaces should have 10 double parking spaces and the rest marked normally and that the sizes of the parking spaces be shown on the site plan. The Commission also requested that an updated, stamped site plan be provided for the next meeting. Mrs. Clark agreed and stated that she will contact the engineer and submit for the next meeting.

The Commission agreed to table this application until a future date.

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,

Alexandra M. Hart Planning Coordinator Village of Colonie