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Minutes
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
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, June 7, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Chairman: Chris Dennis (absent)

Commissioners: John Martin
Peter Chudzinski
Kenny Hart
Dan Judge
Jim Splonskowski
Mark Keegan

Village Attorney: Victor Caponera

Village Engineer: R.J. Laberge

Liaison: Patty Schwarz Lockart

Acting Chairman Martin opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Commissioner Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested that all electronic devices be turned off or muted.

The Commission reviewed the regular meeting minutes from May 17, 2022. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Chudzinski seconded the motion.

VOTE: unanimous to approve the May 17, 2022, meeting minutes as amended.

Change of Occupancy
14 Jupiter Lane
Meyer Distributing

Mr. Feinman appeared as a representative for Meyer Distributing. A signed copy of the application by both the applicant and agent was presented to the Commission. Mr. Feinman stated that Meyer Distributing is an outside accessory business (lawn furniture) that will have no outside storage, no business vehicles, and no customers. Merchandise comes by shipping, and they will only work weekends if they have an order. They are taking the space as is. It is a drop ship warehouse. Mr. Feinman stated the site is clean.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Change of Occupancy for Meyer Distributing located at 14 Jupiter Lane. Commissioner Keegan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve.

Change of Occupancy
1691 Central Ave.
Cabinets-To-Go

Village Engineer Laberge sent a letter to Cabinets-To-Go on June 2, 2022, addressing the concerns the Commission has regarding the Change of Occupancy application. A variance for parking will be

needed. Engineer Laberge stated how they address the items in the letter will affect how the site is laid out. Upon advice from Attorney Caponera and Engineer Laberge the Commission decided rather than send an incomplete plan to the ZBA for a variance on parking to table the request for approval until the applicant responds in writing to the letter that was sent by Village Engineer Laberge on June 2, 2022, addressing all items listed.

Vote: Unanimous to table the request for approval.

Change of Occupancy

1698 Central Ave

The Hair Studio

Ms. Sabrina Pierone was present to answer questions regarding her application for Change of Occupancy at 1698 Central Ave. Ms. Pierone has been in business for 11 years at 1700 Central Avenue and is purchasing the 1698 Central Ave. property. Ms. Pierone stated that she is looking to expand her business and the services offered. Acting Chairman Martin reviewed with Ms. Pierone the areas of the application that need to be addressed before coming before the board again. Ms. Pierone needs to update the floor plans for all floors in the building, identify all tenants and their locations not only in this building but all buildings on the property, and provide a landscaping plan for the entire site. In addition, she needs to include any spa services she may offer and a parking layout for all businesses included on the property. The Commission recommended that the applicant have her engineer contact Engineer Laberge with any questions prior to resubmittal. Attorney Caponera asked the applicant if she was going to keep 1700 Central Avenue and if so, was she planning on merging the two properties. Ms. Pierone stated she would be keeping both properties but was not planning on merging the two at this time.

Change of Occupancy
1520 Central Ave -Suite A
Plug Brothers Smoke Vape & More

Applicants David and Michael Rinaldi appeared before the Commission. They stated that they will offer smoke and vape merchandise, as well as chips and drinks. They stated there will be no alcohol, no cooking prep or sampling of products. They will not offer CBD products. They will advertise by social media and word of mouth. They need a license for selling the tobacco products and have registered for sales tax. Deliveries will be made by small vans and there will be no truck deliveries. Eventually they would like to offer T-shirts and hoodies. They will be the only two employees.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Change of Occupancy for Plug Brothers Smoke Vape & More located at 1520 Central Ave -Suite A. Commissioner Chudzinski seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve.

Discussion Car Max:

Acting Chairman Martin researched the previous minutes for Car Max. Approval was given for cars to exit on Rt. 155, never on Central. Car Max will need to address how many cars will exit to Rt. 155 and come before the board if they want to have on site auctions. Planning Coordinator Rueckert shared with the representative from Car Max that they must come before the board for the auctions

Discussion Upcoming Projects:

The Commission discussed the need for the address both 134 Lincoln Avenue and Fidens at the next meeting. Commissioners should review

the plans for both sites and be prepared with questions or concerns at the next meeting. Engineer Laberge will provide review letters based on recent submittals for both projects prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Commissioner Chudzinski seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Rueckert
Planning Coordinator