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Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
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 21, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Chairman: Chris Dennis

Commissioners: John Martin
Brittany Kendall
Kenny Hart
Jim Splonskowski (absent)
Mark Keegan
Brian Curran (absent)

Village Attorney: Victor Caponera (absent)
Village Engineer: R.J. Laberge

Liaison: Patty Schwarz Lockart (absent)

Chairman Dennis 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 February 7, 2023. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: unanimous to approve

**Change of Ownership
1892 Central Ave.
Colonie Plaza Central Ave. Inc.**

Mr. Hari Godhwani, owner appeared before the Commission.

Commissioner Martin asked who the property manager for the site is. Mr. Godhwani stated Mr. Joe Bennet is the site manager. Commissioner Martin stated that he would like to see the site cleaned up. The site has several potholes, the striping for the parking needs to be redone and the pond area needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Godhwani stated that he and Mr. Bennet are working with the building department to get the site cleaned up.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Ownership for Colonie Plaza Central Ave. Inc. located at 1892 Central Ave. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: unanimous to approve

**Change of Occupancy/Change of Ownership
1535 Central Ave.
EyeMax Computer Geeks In Town**

Mr. Varghese Zachariah, owner, appeared before the Commission.

Mr. Zachariah stated that his company provides computer support to small offices and businesses. Mr. Zachariah is the only person working at the site. The other employees work off site. Occasionally they may have a meeting at the site. There are no regular meetings to be held. There is no training offered at the site, any training that needs to be performed is done at the client's site. Commissioner Martin asked if there are servers on site. Mr. Zachariah stated that servers are not housed at the site. Chairman Dennis asked if the upstairs is being used as residential. Mr. Zachariah stated that he plans on hiring a new individual and they will be renting the upstairs apartment. The site parking is in complete compliance with the Village Code. Commissioner Hart stated that the site is well kept and maintained.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Occupancy/ Change of Ownership for EyeMax Computer Geeks In Town located at 1535 Central Avenue. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous to approve

Change of Occupancy
1610 Central Ave.
LeFiesta Restaurant

Mr. Romualdo Bautista De Jesus, owner, appeared before the Commission.

Mr. Bautista De Jesus stated that he has been the manager of LaFiesta Restaurant and recently became owner of the business. He stated that the operations will remain the same and the seating plan will remain the same. They have applied for a new liquor license and have a five-

year lease with the owners of the property. Garbage is picked up either Monday or Tuesday weekly.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Occupancy for LaFiesta Restaraunt located at 1610 Central Ave. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Change of Occupancy

1770 Central Ave.

Excel Aquatics

Labello Catering Inc. DBA Innovo Kitchen

Discussion centered around the site plan that had been submitted with the previous requested changes shown on the plan. Commissioner Hart stated that he would like to see the location of the doors for Excel Aquatics shown on the site plan. He also had concerns regarding the dumpsters on site. The dumpsters that are currently on site are not what was approved for the site. The building department will be notified. It was stated that if dumpsters are wanted on the site, the property owner will need to come back before the Commission to demonstrate a need.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the Change of Occupancy for Excel Aquatics and Labello Catering Inc. DBA Innovo Kitchen located at 1770 Central Ave. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to approve

Discussion:

134 Lincoln Ave.

AR Powders

Mr. Richard Holder contractor for proposed exhaust system appeared before the Commission. Mr. Holder stated that the owner of the AR Powders had stated she would be submitting a letter assuming all liability regarding the smells at 134 Lincoln Ave. Commission stated that they had requested a letter that would require an amendment to the original approval.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Keegan seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Rueckert - Planning Coordinator