

CITY OF SALEM PLANNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Planning Board of the City of Salem was called to order by James Dickerson in the Municipal Building, One New Market St., at 6:30 PM. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reading of The Open Public Meeting Act: Notice of the regular meetings of the Planning Board of the City of Salem as required by Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act" has been provided by the Public advertisement of a schedule adopted by Resolution on January 19, 2017 setting forth the time, date and place of all regular meetings of the City of Salem.

Roll call:

Members present were: James Smith, Earl Gage, Cathy Lanard, James Dickerson, Benjamin Ford, William Sumiel, Robert Lanard, and Crystal Walker.

Members absent were: Mayor Charles Washington Jr., and John Pankok.

Staff present was: Edgar Hathaway – Solicitor, Uzo Ahiarakwe – Planner, Carol Wright – Secretary.

It was moved and seconded by James Smith and Earl Gage to approve the meeting minutes for June 22, 2017. All were in favor.

Application #17-006 – 90 W. Broadway – Natasha Vitale – Tadless Distillery, LLC
Frank J. Hoerst III, Esq. Tadless Properties are here before the board seeking a use variance the zone does not allow for a distillery and waiver of site plan. There will be no exterior changes other than moving the bumpers in the parking lot; will conform to signage or come back before the board. Mr. Hoerst stated he will draft a notice to send out from the 200' list and notice to the newspaper.

Natasha & Stephen Vitale were sworn in. Natasha Vitale stated the hours of operation would be Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 pm. Limited tours 10 people per tour, 1 hour per tour. She will arrange for small buses 10 people. There are 20 parking spots in the lot and street parking. There will be two employees maybe more for tours. Frank Hoerst stated the tour tickets will be limited to 10 over the internet.

Stephen Vitale stated distilleries are new for New Jersey, a few are popping up. The distillery is a small operation, will show processing, each person would get 3oz. tasting. They would sell to stores, no consumption on the property.

James Smith noted the sign would need prior approval from the Historic Preservation Commission.

It was moved and seconded by James Smith and William Sumiel to waive site plan requirements. All were in favor.

It was moved and seconded by James Smith and Cathy Lanard to deem the application complete with condition of notification. All were in favor.

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William Forney 350A Grant St. stated he moved to Salem four years ago. His son wanted a pet chicken. He received a final notice to get rid of the chickens. He lets them out to roam and put them away at night. He works on junk cars.

Mr. Edgar Hathaway Esq. stated Chapter 74-40 Ordinance does not allow for livestock.

The board had discussion. James Smith stated it is still up to the city, no problem with city granting a temporary stay with no replacements, Cathy Lanard had no problem with temporary stay. Earl Gage abstained.

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and William Sumiel to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. All were in favor.