

CITY OF SALEM PLANNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 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, John Pankok, Robert Lanard, and Crystal Walker.

Members absent were: Mayor Charles Washington Jr., and William Sumiel.

Staff present was: Edgar Hathaway – Solicitor, Joseph Chukwueke – Planner, Carol Wright – Secretary.

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and John Pankok to approve the meeting minutes for July 20, 2017. All were in favor.

Application #17-006 - 90 West Broadway – Natasha Vitale – Tadless Distilling, LLC Frank Hoerst Esq., stated Tadless Properties LLC operated by Tadmore, propose to open a distillery at 90 West Broadway.

Natasha and Steve Vitale were sworn in. Natasha stated she propose a micro distillery, very small batch with 1-2 employees, open Saturday and Sunday 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm, as business grows possibly open 5 days a week. She will offer small tours by tickets, all tours with a maximum of 10 people, 1 hour sessions. She stated Salem is a beautiful City with a lot of history. She will offer 1.5 oz taste maximum, highly state regulated, federal statute as well as security system. She has met with James Smith of HPC with desires to restore the building. No exterior changes other than a sign.

Steve Vitale stated production will be working, no one else will be there, open to the public 2 days possibly 5 days a week as business grows.

No member of the public had concerns.

Steve stated as the batch cooks there is no special ventilation, doors and windows are closed.

It was moved and seconded by James Smith and Cathy Lanard to approve the Business License. All were in favor.

Natasha stated there is a lot of history, she loves the area, the building is really nice, 15 minutes from the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The material used is local, there's lots of room, and the site is suitable for the use. Salem City is unique, no harm to the neighborhood. It's a new product, fits in with the master plan, great opportunity.

No member from the public commented.

It was moved and seconded by Benjamin Ford and John Pankok to close the public portion.

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and Crystal Walker to approve the variance.

	MOVED	SECONDED	YES	NO	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mayor Charles Washington						X
James Dickerson			X			
James Smith			X			
Cathy Lanard			X			
Earl Gage					X	
Benjamin Ford			X			
William Sumiel						X
John Pankok			X			
Robert Lanard	X					
Crystal Walker		X				

Application #17-008 - 220 East Broadway – T’asia Jones – Assure’ Arman

T’asia Jones was sworn in. T’asia stated she propose to open a retail store for the ages of 16-27, locally there is no where to shop in Salem. She is in school in California finishing up her degree. She stated she will start her career here in Salem. Hours of operation will be 10:00 am to 6:30 pm, six days a week Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday thru Sunday, there will be four employees. The building space is 500 sq. ft. there will be a sign in the window. The lightning will be the same, some interior changes. The exterior, she would like to change the color. Mr. Edgar Hathaway Esq. stated the building is in the historic district, she would need prior approval to change the exterior. T’asia stated she has extensive knowledge in marketing, and would like to teach the community, she will allow anyone to work at her store to let them know there are other opportunities. Clothes will be sold online as well.

It was moved and seconded by Benjamin Ford and Robert Lanard to approve the Business License. All were in favor.

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and John Pankok to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.