

CITY OF SALEM PLANNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 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 and Robert Lanard.

Members absent were: Mayor Charles Washington Jr., John Pankok, Crystal Walker and William Sumiel.

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

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and Earl Gage to approve the meeting minutes of August 17, 2017. All were in favor.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Gary Salber Esq for The Salvation Army 93 Fifth St. Mr. Salber stated he is before the board for an informal discussion representing the Salvation Army. A assembly use is a permitted use.

Captain Drummond of The Salvation Army is interested in 93 Fifth St. to hold a house of worship, community outreach and office.

Mr. Hathaway informed the applicant that this is an informal discussion and nothing is binding.

Captain Drummond stated they have space at a local church, space is limited which is not suitable. Plans are to have a food pantry, recreation center, and summer camp, youth activities, and exposure with other people, meet needs for grandparents that are raising their grandchildren. Will renovate the multipurpose room for a after school program. Have summer camp for grandparents and their grandchildren. There are 36 parking spaces, she does not anticipate a lot of traffic as far as vehicles, at most walk-ins. There is a lot across the street that can be utilized for parking.

The Salvation Army is a Christian Organization, charitable work, pantry, utility assistance, women’s group, worship, fellowship, men’s group, youth group similar to boy scouts and girl scouts. There will be evening bible study, prayer meetings, mid-week service, recreation Friday evenings – pool tables supervised for kids to have something to do, vouchers for clothing. Hours of operation will be 9:00 am until 4:00 pm or 10:00 am until 4:00 pm or 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. After school program 3:00 pm until 6:30 or 7:00 pm. Will have special event parties adhere towards families and children. The worship room seats 50-100. Uzo Ahirakwe stated the board needs to know the ultimate goal of what to expect. Would need something like a site plan, how many worshippers, lighting, ADA accessibility, parking. Benjamin Ford stated the board would need a letter from the County to allow for the overflow of parking.

Application #17-009 – 30 West Broadway New York Sand and Stone

John Marmora of New York Sand & Stone Business License and Site Plan was previously approved last September. They agree to abide by the conditions of the resolution. There will be no changes at all, understand all the conditions and will abide by them.

Earl Gage stated there are restrictions on hours of operation, condition #16 report submitted by Remington and Vernick.

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and Robert Lanard to approve The Business License with the condition that the applicant revise the map showing the block and lot and time of operation.

Roll Call

	MOVED	SECONDED	YES	NO	AGAINST	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

OLD BUSINESS

Jay Webb – Manager 138 W. Broadway – Closeout City 1

Jay Webb stated the Business License was previously approved for Closeout City 1, they will continue with opening the business, will have a banner in 90 days. Will be offering the public discounted merchandise.

Memorialize Resolutions:

Tasia Jones 220 E. Broadway

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and Jim Smith to approve resolution #17-012. All were in favor.

Two Old Crows – 73 Market

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and Earl Gage to approve Resolution #17-013. All were in favor.

Tadless Distillery

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and Benjamin Ford to approve Resolution # 17-011. Earl Gage abstained.

It was moved and seconded by Jim Smith and Robert Lanard to adjourn the meeting at 7:39. All was in favor.