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Board of Zoning Appeals Public Workshop and Hearing

Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Location: Zoom Webinar; YouTube Livestream

Time: 6:00PM

Public Workshop & Public Hearing Agenda

Project #00450

Application(s) AV #0097, AV #0098, AV #0099

Property Address 276 Central Avenue

Applicant North American Islamic Trust

Zoning District Mixed-Use, Form-Based Central Avenue (MU-FC)

Proposal 1) Demolition and reconstruction of the existing front area of the building.

2) Extending the prayer hall, adding a water/RPZ room to first floor, adding a mechanical

room to the second floor, and adding an elevator and additional exit staircase.

Requests Area Variance – §375-407(4)(a)- to allow for the existing building materials to be

changed and replaced.

Area Variance - §375-407(4)(g)- to allow for the existing window and door

arrangements to be changed and replaced.

Area Variance - \$375-407(4)(f)- to allow for the existing roof form to be changed and

replaced.

Consent to Lead Agency Declaration- the project will undergo Demolition Review by

the Planning Board, during which they will declare Lead Agency under SEQRA.

Public Hearing Agenda

Project #00451

Application(s) INT #009

Property Address 82 Euclid Avenue

Applicant Jeffrey L. Zimring

Zoning District Residential, Single-Family, Low Density (R-1L)

Proposal Construction of a retaining wall that exceeds four feet in height forward of the front wall

plane of the building.

Requests Interpretation of the term 'grade' and \$375-406(8)(b)(i)(A) as applies to retaining

walls.

As per the USDO, definition of 'GRADE, FINISHED' is a natural surface of the ground, or surface of the ground after completion of any change in contour, abutting building or

premises.

As per the USDO Dimensional Standards, walls and fences may be located in any front yard or exterior side yard facing a street, provided that they are no more than four feet in height and no more than 60% opaque.

Project #00435

Application(s) AV #0096

Property Address 185 Henry Johnson Boulevard

Applicant Roy's Caribbean Restaurant

Zoning District Mixed Use, Community Urban (MU-CU)

Proposal 3 off-street parking spaces and 4 on-street parking spaces.

(As per the USDO, 26 total parking spaces are required, after shared parking and proximity to transit reductions. Based on the proposed uses and provided

parking/parking reductions, the project still requires 19 additional spaces to meet the

standards of § 375-405(2)(a))

Requests Area Variance - § 375-405(2)(1)(a)—Required off-street parking.

Minimum required parking. In all zoning districts, off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with Table 375.405.1, Minimum Required Off-Street Parking, as adjusted by

other provisions of this USDO.

Project #00424

Application(s) AV #0079, AV #0092, AV #0093

Property Address 1053 Broadway

Applicant Druthers Brewing Company II, Inc.

Zoning District Mixed-Use, Form-Based Warehouse (MU-FW)

Proposal Construction of a 13-foot wide, 110 foot long deck in the public right-of-way.

Requests Rehearing of Area Variance – §375-402(1)(c)(vii)(G)(4)– to allow a front deck to

extend into the right-of-way or any easement in a Mixed-Use; Form-Based zoning

district.

Area Variance - §375-402(2)(c)/Table 375-402.1- to allow for the construction of a front porch, which is not permitted under the Mixed-Use Core frontage standards.

Area Variance - §375-402(2)(c)/Table 375-402.1- to allow for the porch to extend past the front build-to zone under the Mixed-Use Core frontage standards.

Project #00414

Application(s) Project #00414

Property Address 875 New Scotland Avenue

Applicant Stewart's Shops

Zoning District Mixed-Use, Neighborhood Edge (MU-NE)

Proposal Modification of an existing Use Variance.

Requests To modify the existing Use Variance to allow Stewart's to expand their hours from 6am-

10pm to 5am-11pm.