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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Board of Zoning Appeals

Board of Zoning Appeals Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Location: Videoconference via Zoom

Time: 6:00PM

Present: Daley, White-Lake, Rice, Quain, Barnum, Le Blan

NEW BUSINESS AGENDA

Project #00400

Application(s) AV# 0065; AV#0066; AV# 0067; INT# 005; INT# 006; INT# 007

Property Address 41 South Pine Avenue

Applicant William Stanley

Representing Agent Dan Hershberg

Zoning District Residential, Two-Family (R-2)

Proposal Propose to demolish and rebuild replacement porch of lower portion of columns with

masonry supports and relocating steps from left offset to center offset.

Requests Area Variances

• \$375-4(G)(3) — To allow the use of half pillars instead of full height pillars predominant in area; To allow the use of cylindrical pillars instead of squared pillars predominant in area.

• §375-4(G)(4)(a) – To allow the use of the use of masonry elements instead of the original material of wood.

• §375-4(G)(4)(d)(i) – To allow the reconstruction of the porch in a style that deviates from original construction design.

Interpretations relating to decision by the Chief Planning Official to deny permit based on applicability of regulations

• §375-4(G)(3) – To request the BZA interpret applicability.

• §375-4(G)(4)(a) – To request the BZA interpret applicability.

• §375-4(G)(4)(d)(i) – To request the BZA interpret applicability.

AV# 0066 PLANNING DEPARTMENT WITHDREW PERMIT DENIAL IN CONSIDERATION OF

§375-4(G)(3)

AV#0066; AV# 0067;

INT# 005; INT# 006; DEFERRED – IN CONSIDERATION OF FACTS

INT# 007

Project #00401

Application(s) AV# 0068; AV# 0069; AV# 0070

Property Address 961 State St

Applicant Rebecca Franklin
Representing Agent JSM Fence LLC

Zoning District Residential, Two-Family (R-2)

Proposal Installation of 169 Linear Feet of 6-foot; 100% opaque fencing and 50 Linear Feet of

chain link fencing in front yard area.

Requests Area Variances

• §375-4(F)(8)(B)(i)(A) – for 169 Linear Feet of 6-feet tall, wood panel fencing when 4-feet is the maximum allowed.

• §375-4(F)(8)(B)(i)(A) – for 169 Linear Feet of 100% opaque, wood panel fencing where 60% is the maximum allowed.

• §375-4(F)(9)(c)(ii) – for 50 Linear Feet of chain link fencing in front yard area, where there is no chain link fencing allowed.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

Project #00	402
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Application(s) AV# 0071; AV# 0072

Property Address 899 Western Ave

Applicant Capital Communications Federal Credit Union

Representing Agent Thomas Wheeler (AJ Signs)

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

Proposal Installation of an 8-foot, 50 square foot, freestanding, monument sign.

Requests Area Variances

• §375-4(I)(5) – to allow an 8-foot-tall monument sign, where 5 feet is the maximum height allowed.

• §375-4(I)(5) – to allow a 50 square foot monument sign, where 32 square feet is the maximum size allowed.

AV# 0071

Motion to Approve Passed – 6-0-0

AV# 0072

Motion to Approve Passed – 6-0-0

Project #00403

Application(s) AV# 0073

Property Address 161 Washington Avenue Extension, Suite 104

Applicant MyHotTub.com
Representing Agent Jeremy O'Brien

Zoning District Mixed-Use, Community Highway (MU-CH)

Proposal Installation of a 94.7 square foot "box" wall sign.

Requests Area Variances

• §375-4(I)(5) – to allow a 94.7 square foot "box" wall sign where 32 square feet is the maximum allowed.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

Pending Business Agenda

Project #00372

Application(s) AV# 0059

Property Address 1415 Washington Avenue

Applicant 1415 Washington Property LLC

Representing Agent Dan Hershberg

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

Proposal Demolition of +/- 66,237 square foot hotel and the construction of +/- 414,580

square foot student dormitory with 240 dwelling units and a parking garage with

+/- 207 automobile parking spaces.

Requests Area Variance - 375-4(A)(3)(b)(i) – to allow a 107-foot front setback where 10

feet is the maximum permitted.

DEFERRED- MOTIONS PREEMPTED DUE TO PENDING DETERMNATION OF

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FROM PLANNING BOARD

Project #00371

Application(s) AV# 0060

Property Address 255-271 Clinton Avenue

Applicant Home Leasing

Representing Agent Dan Hershberg, Hershberg & Hershberg

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

Proposal Construction of a parking lot with +/-38 parking spaces.

Requests Area Variance - 375-4(E)(2)(b) - to allow +/- 33 parking spaces where 3 parking

spaces is the maximum permitted.

DEFERRED- MOTIONS PREEMPTED DUE TO PENDING DETERMNATION OF

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FROM PLANNING BOARD

NC # 0001

Application(s) NC# 0001

Property Address 36 Judson Street

Applicant Hon. Jahmel Robinson, Common Council Representative, 5th Ward

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

Proposal Board of Zoning Appeals review of a nuisance complaint.

Requests Board of Zoning Appeals Review – of a December 12th, 2019 complaint of

Nuisance at 36 Judson Street to determine whether 36 Judson Street is a

nuisance property.

DEFERRED - APPLICANT NEGOTIATIONS ON-GOING