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MEMORANDUM

November 7, 2018

To:

The Honorable Zoning Board of Appeals

From:

Brian P. Andrzejewski, PE, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Re:

Applications for Variances and Special Permits – Meeting of November 20, 2018

The following is a summary of specific information for each application, showing minimum requirements appealed from and requested variances to be considered by your Honorable Body:

1 Transit Lanes, Inc.

7842-7852 Transit Road

Temporary Use Permit

2nd renewal

This application is for 1 Temporary Use Permits in the GB District.

1) Storage of new vehicles.

NOTES:

1) Temporary Use Permit, Per Section 4-4-3, the storage of new vehicles is not a permitted accessory use. A Temporary Use Permit was granted for one year for 85 cars with no car horns on November 21, 2017.

NOTES:

Parking spaces on site: 293
Leased spaces: 85
Remaining spaces: 208
Required spaces: 208

2 Dave's Christmas Wonderland

8010 Transit Road Temporary Use Permit

This application is for a Temporary Use Permit to extend the timeframe for a 'New Business' Sign in the GB District.

NOTES:

1) A Temporary sign permit was issued for 30 days. Applicant is seeking an extension beyond 30 days for a total of 78 days in order to coincide with the lease.

3 Sheridan Drive Capital LLC

3720 Sheridan Drive

Use Variance

This application is for a Use Variance for a Parking Lot without a Principle Structure in the GB and MFR-5 District.

1) Use Variance for a parking lot as a primary use.

NOTES:

1) Per Section 4-4, a parking lot without a principle structure is not a permitted use. A Temporary Use Permit was granted on July 18, 2017 for one year with conditions — one being that there will be no parking on the MFR-5 property.

4 Carolyn Robinson

283 Tonawanda Creek Road

Area Variance

This application is for an area variance for fence height in the front yard of property in the R-3 District.

NOTES:

1) Per Section 7-5-3 no fence over three feet high shall extend into the front yard of any lot, except in an industrial district.

5 Norman Kosmerl 105 Forestlake Drive Area Variance

This application is for an area variance to install a generator less than the required 5 feet side yard setback in the MFR-5 District.

NOTES:

Required setback 5 ft
Proposed setback 3.92 ft

Short of required 1.08 ft or 21%

6 Mill Manor Condominium

340-360 Mill Street Area Variance

This application is for an area variance for fence height in the R-4 District. Petitioner is proposing to replace vegetative hedge with a board on board wood fence.

NOTES:

Allowable Fence Height 6ft
Proposed Fence Height 7ft

Exceeds allowable 1ft or 16%

7 Bohler Engineering MA, LLC 3050 Niagara Falls Blvd. 2 Area Variances

This application is for an area variance for front yard setback in the GB District to increase the vehicle use area. The required setback is indicated in Section 4-4-2B. An area variance for minimum size of landscape islands per section 7-2-3A(b) is also needed.

NOTES:

Required front yard setback 10ft Proposed front yard setback 3ft Exceeds allowable 7ft or 70% Required landscape islands 8 ft x 16 ft

8 Kathryn Conlon 3201 Tonawanda Creek Rd. Use Variance

This application is for a use variance to create a second dwelling in the SA District. Per Section 3-3-2A there shall not be more than one principal residential structure permitted on a lot in the SA District.

NOTES:

1) Petitioners desire to convert existing accessory structure workshop into a guest home for family.

9 Belmont Housing Resources for WNY 45,52,64,70 Amsterdam, 545 Alberta, ROW Amsterdam 7 Area Variances

This application is for seven (7) area variances in the MFR-7 District.

- 1. Front Yard Setback (west)
- 2. Rear Yard Setback (north)
- 3. Length of Building without 10 ft offset (north)
- 4. Length of Building without 10 ft offset (west)
- 5. Setback of Vehicle Use Area (east)
- 6. Setback of Vehicle Use Area (south)
- 7. Number of required Parking Spaces
- 1) Per Section 2-5-4B(3)(a) the front yard setback shall be 30ft.

NOTES:

Due to this project site being a corner lot the proposed setback is 9ft 4.5in on Alberta Drive.

2) Per Section 3-15-5A(4) the rear yard setback shall be 3xBuilding Height or 108.75ft. NOTES:

The property north of this project site is National Grid ROW and the proposed setback is 5ft.

3) Per Section 3-15-5B the maximum length of a building without an offset is 132 ft. NOTES:

The proposed length of the north side is 176ft.

4) Per Section 3-15-5B the maximum length of a building without an offset is 132 ft. NOTES:

The proposed length of the west side is 151.6 ft.

5) Per Section 3-15-6 the setback of the Vehicle Use Area is 20ft NOTES:

The proposed vehicle use area for the east side is 12 ft

6) Per Section 3-15-6 the setback of the Vehicle Use Area is 20ft

NOTES:

The proposed vehicle use area for the south side is 7ft.

7) Per Section 7-1-6A the required number of parking spaces is 2 per dwelling unit or 92 spaces.

NOTES:

The Applicant has proposed 33 spaces based on experience in developing similar projects in Western New York.

10 CRDI Development LLC 315 Campbell Blvd. 4 Area Variances

- 1. First Floor Dwelling Units
- 2. Building Height
- 3. Setback from centerline of Campbell Blvd.
- 4. Building setback east boundary
- 1) First floor dwelling units in the NB District.

Proposed project is to build 2, two story mixed use buildings.

Ground floor commercial / residential dwelling units and eight second floor dwelling units. No elevator provided.

NOTES:

Per Section 4-3-2 A Upper floor dwelling unit is permitted.

Per Chapter 11 of the International Building Code (IBC) Group R-2 Occupancy, The number of required accessible units for a structure with 1-25 units is 1 unit.

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Permitted ground floor units:	0
Required accessible units:	1
Proposed ground floor accessible units:	1

East building:

Permitted ground floor units:	0
Required accessible units:	1
Proposed ground floor accessible units:	4

2) Per Section 4-3-2B the height shall be 30ft NOTES:

The proposed building height is 38ft 5.75in

3) Per Section 2-5-3 the setback from the centerline of Campbell Road shall be 90ft NOTES:

The proposed setback is 72.33ft

4) Per Section 2-5-4B(3)(a) the setback of the eastern boundary shall be 115.8ft NOTES:

The proposed setback is 99ft.

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