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Board of Zoning Appeals Workshop

Date: Tuesday, February 10th, 2021

Location: Videoconference via Zoom (Instructions Listed Below)

Time: 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Discussion regarding cases for the upcoming February 24th public hearing and meeting (subject to revision).
2. Open discussion and pending business.
3. Adjourn.

Enclosure: Draft Agenda for upcoming February 24th Public Hearing and Meeting.

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Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing & Meeting

Date: **Wednesday, February 24th, 2021**

Location: Videoconference via Zoom

Time: 6:00 PM

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• §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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• §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.

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• §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.

Project #00402

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• §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.

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• §375-4(I)(5) – to allow a 94.7 square foot "box" wall sign where 32 square feet is the maximum allowed.

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.

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.

NC # 0001

Application(s)	NC# 0001
Property Address	36 Judson Street
Applicant	Hon. Jahmel Robinson, Common Council Representative, 5 th 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 12 th , 2019 complaint of Nuisance at 36 Judson Street to determine whether 36 Judson Street is a nuisance property.