

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
APRIL 24, 2019**

A Public Hearing of the **EAST HARTFORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** was held in Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, 740 Main Street, East Hartford, CT on April 24, 2019.

Chair Ryan opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Secretary Carol Noel read the legal ad for this public hearing that was published in the Journal Inquirer on April 10th and April 17th.

Present:

John Ryan, Chair
Henry Pawlowski, Vice Chair
Carol Noel, Secretary
Valentine Povinelli, Jr.
Stephen Roczynski
Travis Simpson
Angela Parkinson

Absent

Susan Skowronek, Alternate

2019 APR 25 A 11:12
TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

Robert J. Gault

Also Present:

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner

Robert Hurd, Architect, and Samuel Sarpong, Pastor, presented the following agenda item to the Commission:

SPECIAL PERMIT: 30 Olde Roberts Street – Under Section 303.2; change of use from a social hall to a house of worship including the conversion of two building entry ways into one entry and minor exterior improvements for “Living Word Outreach Ministries”.

Assessor’s Map-Lot: 47-104

Applicant: Samuel Sarpong, Pastor

The following people came forward to speak in favor of this application, but with some concerns:

Attorney Matthew Willis, representing Susan Kniep, presented the Commission with a list of conditions that his client would like to add to the approval of the special permit and site modification applications of 30 Olde Roberts Street.

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street, David Weave, 40 Olde Roberts Street and Donald Sugalski, 1736 Main Street, spoke in favor of the application, but with reservations regarding parking, alcohol consumption and noise issues. Additionally, Ms. Kniep requested that the conditions her attorney presented to the Commission be part of the approval.

The following people came forward to speak in favor of this application:

Natasha, 15 Chapel Street, Bloomfield; Michelle Little, 194 Chester Street; Cassie Little, 55 Concord Street; Brigu Gedricks, 20 Sisson Street; Felisha Sarpong, 111 Ridgewood Road; Richmond, Glastonbury; Sheldon Dedier, 25 Sanford Street, Hartford.

The following people came forward to speak against this application:

Theresa Velez, 130 Forbes Street.

Upon a motion by Hank Pawlowski, seconded by Travis Simpson, the Commission **Voted (7-0)** to **postpone action** on the public hearing item below until the May 8, 2019 meeting.

SPECIAL PERMIT: 11 Bragg Street – Under Section 402.2; change of use to a house of worship and modification to the building interior to include associated bathrooms, office space, and seating area for “The Apostolic Church”.

Assessor’s Map-Lot: 25-282

Applicant: The Apostolic Church Int.

Jeff Cormier, Town Planner, and Attorney Brian Smith, presented the following agenda item to the Commission. After Mr. Cormier’s presentation, Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo and Todd Andrews, representatives from Goodwin College, addressed the Commission on how this new regulation would impact development opportunities.

TEXT AMENDMENT: Under Section 711; comprehensive revision to Section 603 (Design Development District) to add a new overlay district, Section 603.13 Design Development District 3, College District Zone, and associated requirements and standards, having bounds from about Willow Street south to the southern parcel line of 1 Pent Road (Map-Lot 9-1; Willgoos site) and the Connecticut River east to Main Street, that provides for a mix of uses including institutional, commercial, retail, and residential and allows for modification of underlying dimensional, parking, and stormwater requirements in accordance with a Master Plan and site plan approval.

Applicant: East Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission

The following people came forward to speak in favor of this application:

Craig Stevenson, 52 Milwood Road; Dean Marchessault, President, American Eagle Federal Credit Union; Mark Scheinberg, President, Goodwin College.

The following people came forward to speak against this application:

Susan Kniep, 50 Olde Roberts Street.

Public Hearing Minutes

April 24, 2019

- 3 -

Upon a motion by Carol Noel, seconded by Travis Simpson, the Commission **Voted (7-0)** to start the Special Session @ 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner
