ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FEBRUARY 25, 2021 TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD 740 MAIN STREET EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108



Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Town Hall is closed. Pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B, the February 25, 2021 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting was accessible through Microsoft Teams by dialing +1 929-235-8441, access code 894 920 922#. This call was recorded.

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Acting Chairman: David Repoli

Members: Timothy Siggia, Harrison Amadasun, Fady El-Hachem, Randolph Krause

ABSENT: James McElroy

Also Present: Gary Zalucki, Assistant Zoning Enforcement Official, George Agnelli, owner of 1191 Main St. East Hartford, applicants Devona Hayes and Takia Covington.

I. CHAIRMAN – Call to Order – 7:14 p.m.

II. HEARING OF ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD; CALL OF ITEMS:

1. Devona Hayes and Takia Covington, **1191 Main Street**, Request a variance from Section 405.2(h)(1) Permitted Uses, to permit a hair salon within 1000 feet of an existing barber shop. (**Zone B-5**).

III. HEARINGS DISCUSSION AND BOARD DECISIONS:

1. Devona Hayes and Takia Covington, **1191 Main Street**, Request a variance from Section 405.2(h)(1) Permitted Uses, to permit a hair salon within 1000 feet of an existing barber shop. (**Zone B-5**).

Ms. Hayes stated that her shop does not cater to men, it is not a barber shop, they do wigs and body sculpting. Mr. Agnelli spoke to say that most service orientated businesses on Main St. cater to men and this salon would be a good way to get women to Main Street. Ms. Covington said they would be doing weaving and braids and there is nothing like that on Main St.

Assistant Zoning Official, Gary Zalucki, pointed out that the Director of Inspections and Permits as well as the Town Planner, offered opinions that there was no hardship. Mr. Zalucki pointed

out that the regulations were changed just five years ago to avoid multiple services businesses within a 1000 foot radius from each other.

Mr. Siggia stated that it would be a positive to have the salon and it would not be in competition with barber shops in the area. He said it would benefit East Hartford to have a new business in town.

Motion was made by Mr. El-Hachem, seconded by Mr. Siggia to approve the variance with a stipulation that it is a woman's salon and boutique and not a barber shop.

APPROVED 5:0

- IV. OLD BUSINESS None
- V. NEW BUSINESS Election of officers; postponed to the next meeting.
- VI. MISCELLANEOUS None
- VII. APPROVAL OF ZBA MINUTES FOR:

A. July 30, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. Repoli. Seconded by Mr. Siggia.

APPROVED 3:0

VIII. PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. Payment of Clerk - \$100.00

Motion to pay the Clerk made by Mr. Repoli. Seconded by Mr. Siggia.

APPROVED 5:0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business.

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. was made by Mr. Repoli. Seconded by Mr. Siggia.

APPROVED 5:0

The next regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Watson, Clerk