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AGENDA  
MANHATTAN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
City Commission Room, City Hall  
1101 Poyntz Avenue  
Wednesday, February 9, 2011  
7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTIFY THE PLANNING OFFICE IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THIS MEETING.

1. Consider the **MINUTES** of the January 12, 2011, Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.
2. Consider a request for a **180 DAY EXTENSION** for **APPROVED EXCEPTION** to allow for a reduction in the minimum required number of off-street parking spaces from 63 parking spaces to 3 parking spaces for a proposed self-storage unit business on property located at 4850 Eureka Drive in the I-3/AO, Light Industrial District and Airport Overlay District. (*Applicant/Owner: K & M Holding*)
3. A **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider an **EXCEPTION** to allow a reduction of the minimum front yard setback along Wreath Avenue from twenty-five (25) feet to ten (10) feet and along Lundin Drive from twenty-five (25) feet to nine (9) feet for a new off-street parking lot for the Manhattan Technical College at 3136 Dickens Avenue in the R, Single-Family Residential District. (*Applicant/Owner: Manhattan Area Technical College*).
4. A **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider a **VARIANCE** to allow a driveway to be greater than twenty-four (24) feet in width and 960 square feet in area; and to reduce the minimum 75% landscaped open area required in the front yard, all for a proposed paved driveway for a new single-family dwelling located in the R, Single-Family Residential District (*Applicant/Owner: Mary and Carl Ice*).

5. A **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider a **CONDITIONAL USE** to allow for a proposed sorority house at 508 Sunset Avenue in the R-1/TNO/UO, Single-Family Residential District, Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District and University Overlay District (*Applicant/Owner: Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity Housing Corporation*).
  
6. A **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider **EXCEPTIONS** to allow for a reduction of the minimum twenty-five (25) foot front yard setback along Sunset Avenue to zero (0) feet for the existing and redesigned off-street parking lot; a reduction of the minimum sixty (60) foot front yard setback along Fairchild Avenue to five (5) feet for an accessory trash receptacle screening; an increase in the maximum thirty-five (35) foot height regulation to thirty-eight (38) feet for proposed additions to the existing structure; and a reduction of the minimum number of off-street parking spaces required for a fraternity or sorority from the required forty-six (46) spaces to twenty-six (26) spaces. Twenty-six (26) off-street parking spaces currently exist on the site. These **EXCEPTIONS** are for a proposed sorority house at 508 Sunset Avenue in the R-1/TNO/UO, Single-Family Residential District, Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District and University Overlay District. (*Applicant/Owner: Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity Housing Corporation*).
  
7. A **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider a **VARIANCE** to not provide a six (6) foot tall sight obscuring screening required for an off-street parking lot adjacent residential properties at 508 Sunset Avenue in the R-1/TNO/UO, Single-Family Residential District, Traditional Neighborhood Overlay District and University Overlay District. The parking lot is associated with a new sorority house on the site (*Applicant/Owner: Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity Housing Corporation*).
  
8. Capital Improvement Plan forms
  
9. Board Officer elections
  
10. **ADJOURN**

**Standards for Exceptions.** The Board of Zoning Appeals shall not grant an exception as authorized in Section 14-604 hereof unless it shall, in each case, make specific written findings of fact, based upon the particular evidence presented to it, that all of the following standards have been met:

- (A) The property complies with all applicable requirements of these regulations, other than the one for which an exception is being requested;
- (B) The proposed exception will not cause a substantial adverse affect on nearby properties;
- (C) The exception desired will not adversely affect the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare;
- (D) The strict application of these regulations is unreasonable, or unnecessary when all facts and circumstances are considered. In determining this standard, the Board shall weigh all facts and circumstances and place whatever emphasis and relevance it deems to be appropriate on each. Examples of such facts and circumstances to be considered are as follows:
  - (1) Whether or not conditions of the property requiring the exception were created by the applicant with prior knowledge and disregard of applicable regulations;
  - (2) Whether or not the applicant acquired the property with knowledge of the conditions which require the exception and whether or not the consideration for the acquisition took into account such conditions;
  - (3) Whether or not there are reasonable alternatives which would allow the property to meet the strict application of these regulations; and
  - (4) Whether or not a granting of the exception will result in a relative gain to the health, safety and general welfare of the Community; and,
- (E) Any other standards for exceptions that are specifically identified in these regulations.

**Standards for Variances.** The Board of Zoning Appeals shall not grant a variance as authorized in Section 14-501 hereof unless it shall, in each case, make specific written findings of fact, based upon the particular evidence presented to it, that all of the following standards have been met:

- (A) The variance requested arises from such condition which is unique to the property in question and which is not ordinarily found in the same zoning district, and is not created by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant;
- (B) The granting of the variance will not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents;
- (C) The strict application of the provisions of these regulations from which a variance is requested will constitute unnecessary hardship upon the property owner represented in the application;
- (D) The variance desired will not adversely affect the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare; and
- (E) Granting the variance desired will not be opposed to the general spirit and intent of these regulations.

**Standards For Conditional Use Permits.** The Board of Zoning Appeals shall not grant a conditional use permit unless it shall, in each specific case, make specific written findings of fact directly, based upon the particular evidence presented to it, that all of the following standards have been met:

- (A) The proposed conditional use complies with all applicable regulations of these regulations, including lot size requirements, bulk regulations, use limitations, and performance standards.
- (B) The proposed conditional use will not cause substantial injury to the value of other property in the neighborhood in which it is to be located.
- (C) The location and size of the conditional use, the nature and intensity of the operation involved in or conducted in connection with it, and the location of the site with respect to streets giving access to it are such that the conditional use will not dominate the immediate neighborhood so as to prevent development and use of neighboring property in accordance with the applicable zoning district regulations. In determining whether the conditional use will so dominate the immediate neighborhood, consideration shall be given to:
  - (1) The location, nature and height of buildings, structures, walls and fences on the site; and
  - (2) The nature and extent of landscaping and screening on the site.
- (D) Off-street parking and loading areas will be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in Article VII of these regulations, and such areas will be screened from adjoining residential uses and located so as to protect such residential uses from any injurious effect.
- (E) Adequate utility, drainage, and other such necessary facilities have been or will be provided.
- (F) Adequate access roads or entrance and exit drives will be provided and shall be so designed to prevent traffic hazards and to minimize traffic congestion in public streets and alleys.