

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE VILLAGE
OF BRONXVILLE HELD ON APRIL 16, 2024, AT VILLAGE HALL**

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PRESENT:	Michael Goldman	Chairman
	James Hayden	Vice Chair
	Albert Van Ness	Member
	Leslie Meyers	Member
	Michael Ching	Alternate
	Thomas Brasco	Alternate
	Paul Taft	Building Inspector
	Cristina Battista	Secretary to the Planning Board

ABSENT:	Eileen Marshall	Alternate
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Chairman Michael Goldman called to order the special meeting for on street dining at 7:00pm.

On-Street Dining Application – Il Bacio

Ms. Maggie Marrone, architect for the above application requested approval for the on-street dining at Il Bacio. She stated there will be a reduction in the number of parking spaces being used from 2 spaces to 1 space and that they reduced the seating by half and will now have 2 tables and 8 seats.

Mr. Peter Diana stated they would love to keep both spaces if possible.

Mr. Michael Goldman opened the public hearing at 7:08pm.

Resident Matt Craig stated he was in favor of all the outdoor dining applications. He spoke about how important the outdoor dining is to the Village and each restaurant. He also spoke about the safety and cleanliness of the Village.

Resident Mark Davis spoke about his opinion of the on street dining. He stated his view is different than the last resident, stating that the parking and traffic in the Village has become a nightmare. He believes that using these spots for the entire year does not make sense to him. He also stated that we are catering to one type of Bronxville merchant and not the others who need the parking.

Resident Jennifer Frost stated her opinion of the on street dining. She stated the Village has become a dream come true and she is in favor of keeping the on street dining.

Mr. Jim Palmer spoke about the Village and the outdoor dining.

Mr. Michael Goldman closed the public hearing at 7:27pm.

The Board spoke about the Village's outdoor dining and discussed this application.

On the motion of Mr. James Hayden, second by Mr. Albert Van Ness, the Planning Board approved this application FIVE in favor and ZERO against as submitted.

On-Street Dining Application – Underhill Crossings

Mr. Steven Palm, resident and owner of Underhill Crossings, spoke about how important the on street dining is to his business, he added that the street dining has added a lot of character and charm to the Village.

Ms. Maggie Marrone, architect for the above application requested approval for the on-street dining at Underhill Crossing. She stated there will be a reduction in the number of parking spaces being used from 4 spaces to 3 spaces. She stated they reduced the seating from 44 seats to 26 seats. Ms. Marrone stated that owner Steven Palm has chosen to install an enclosed pergola with retractable louvers instead of a tent.

The Board spoke about the application.

Mr. Michael Goldman opened the public hearing at 7:36pm.

Resident Jennifer Frost stated she supports this application.

Resident Matt Craig stated his support of this application.

Mr. Steve Palm stated they maintain the sidewalk for the bank and bookstore frontage, including planting flowers and cleaning. He stated they also share their structure with them and allow the bookstore to use the tent for small events when the restaurant isn't open.

Resident Mark Davis stated that the width of the parking angled spaces being proposed will be equivalent to 2 parallel spaces.

Mr. Michael Goldman closed the public hearing at 7:48pm.

The Board discussed this application.

On the motion of Mr. Albert Van Ness, second by Ms. Leslie Meyers, the Planning Board approved this application FOUR in favor and ONE against as submitted.

On-Street Dining Application – La Casa

Mr. Spencer Pingle, resident and owner of La Casa requested approval for the on-street dining. He stated there will be a reduction in the number of parking spaces being used from 4 spaces to 3 spaces and that they reduced the seating from 10 tables with 40 seats to 8 tables and 24 seats. He spoke about the parking in the area and stated that he recently made changes based on the Chief of Police's recommendations

for safety. He stated each table is on its own platform to stabilize the structure on the incline. He added the entire structure is in front of his store front.

Mr. Michael Goldman asked about the bollards.

Mr. Spencer Pingle stated that they need the planting structures to secure the tent, He also added that it will be difficult to remove and store the tent and platforms.

Mr. James Hayden asked about the amount of tables and seating he currently has versus the amount proposed.

Mr. Pingle explained why he reduced the seating at each table.

Mr. Michael Goldman opened the public hearing at 8:11pm, seeing none Mr. Michael Goldman closed the public hearing at 8:12pm.

The Board spoke about the application.

The Board chose not to make a motion on this application and requested an updated application with a reduced tent size and number of seats.

On-Street Dining Application – Pete's Tavern

Ms. Stephanie McCuin requested approval to revert back to using 2 parking spaces as opposed to the current approval of one parking space. She explained why reverting back to 2 spots with 5 tables and 20 seats would work best for them.

The Board spoke about the other applications and parking issues.

The Board chose not to make a motion on this application and requested an updated application with a reduced number of tables and seats .

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board will be on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Planning Board, a motion was then adopted by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Battista

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