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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Rensselaer Zoning Board of Appeals
First Floor Conference Room, Rensselaer Community Center, 62 Washington Street
March 23, 2009

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Members Present:

Chair – Gene Hilstro, Vice Chair – Bill Bulnes, Terance Ruso, Michael Scott

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Members Not Present:

Meghan McNamara, Nancy Johnson, Leonard Sciotti

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Staff Present:

Marybeth Pettit – Director of Planning, Kevin McLoughlin – Assistant Director of Planning, John Spath – Deputy Corporation Counsel

Others Present

John Consolo, Don Lang, Rosina Huntington

Call to Order:

Chair Hilstro called the regular meeting of the City of Rensselaer Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2009 were approved as submitted without amendment or correction.

New Business

- 1. John Consolo, 1204 Washington Avenue – Request for Area Variance(s) to allow added signs for a coffee shop in a single-family residential (R1) zoning district. Area Variance(s) requested: a) 3 additional signs over the 1 allowed.**

Chair Hilstro opened the public hearing at 6:05 pm.

Don Lang, a neighbor, stated that Angie B's was a good clean business and an asset to the neighborhood.

Rosina Huntington also spoke in support of the application.

Hearing no one further to speak for or against the application, Chair Hilstro closed the public hearing at 6:07 pm.

Mr. Bulnes moved to grant the Area Variance for 3 additional signs over the one allowed with the stipulations that the temporary yogurt banner is taken down and the total area for all signs remains below the 33.8 square feet allowed under the original Use Variance. Mr. Scott seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment:

Hearing no objections, Mr. Hilstro adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Record of Decisions:

An official record of decisions noting the details of motions from this meeting along with conditions & stipulations has been filed with the City Clerk and a copy maintained in Planning Department records.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Pettit
Secretary