

CITY OF SALEM PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Planning Board of the City of Salem was called to order by James Dickerson in the Municipal Building, One New Market St., at 6:30 PM. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reading of The Open Public Meeting Act: Notice of the regular meetings of the Planning Board of the City of Salem as required by Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act" has been provided by the Public advertisement of a schedule adopted by Resolution on January 19, 2017 setting forth the time, date and place of all regular meetings of the City of Salem.

Roll call:

Members present were: Earl Gage, Cathy Lanard, James Dickerson, William Sumiel, Robert Lanard and Chrystal Walker.

Members absent were: Mayor Charles Washington Jr., James Smith, Benjamin Ford and John Pankok.

Staff present was: Edgar Hathaway – Solicitor, Uzo Ahirakwe – Planner, Carol Wright – Secretary.

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and Earl Gage to approve the meeting minutes of October 19, 2017. All were in favor.

Application#17-011 - 93 Fifth St. - The Salvation Army. Gary Salber Esq representing 93 Fifth St. Charles Cramer Esq, Captain Cindy Lou Drummond and Lt. Shakai Drigo were sworn in. Gary Salber stated there were some problems with parking; The County office was contacted to request the use of their parking lot. The County adopted a resolution to allow for The Salvation Army use of their parking lot. The resolution will be submitted prior to the next meeting. Uzo Ahirakwe - Planner went over the review letter from Tochi Consulting Engineers there were issues with B-7, B-11 and B-13 on the review letter. Dale Boston PLS stated he will provide the information need on the revised plans.

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and Cathy Lanard to deem the Complete. All were in favor.

Cindy Drummond – Captain and secretary in Union, NJ stated The Salvation Army has space in Salem to meet the needs of the people in Salem, The Salvation Army offer food, rent and electric assistance. Would like to expand the social service program for young people to have a place to come to and be safe. Offer youth groups by gender, Women's group, to teach life skills and household and interpersonal relations.

Sunday morning Sunday school, holiness meeting, afternoon praise meeting. The Salvation Army has one facility in Bridgeton and one in Vineland. Continue with social services perhaps offer more since will have their own location. The Salvation Army has Christmas fund raisers yearly to help support the programs throughout the year. Will possibly educational activities benefits to encourage and enhance them to do better. The building will have a warehouse, recreation room, assembly room, classroom, computer room and after school program by age group.

Robert Lanard stated there are a lot of beneficial programs for a poor town how do they get the word out. Captain Drummond stated 20 people have already committed and Lt. Shakai Drigo makes his self visible. Will put posters up, reach out to social services. Hours of operation would be 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, afterschool program 4:00 pm to 6:0 pm. Adult program 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm.

Uzo Ahirakwe questioned the maximum people expected; Captain Drummond stated their religion is a unique style that does not appeal to everyone, maybe 50 people, unusual to have over 100 people.

Uzo Ahirakwe went over the review letter stating the first two pages are the summary. Subject to items page 3, C-1, 2, 3 proposed stop for handicap. Need county planning board approval.

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and William Sumiel to approve the Business License.

	MOVED	SECONDED	YES	NO	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Mayor Charles Washington						X
James Dickerson			X			
James Smith						X
Cathy Lanard			X			
Earl Gage	X					
Benjamin Ford						X
William Sumiel		X				
John Pankok						X
Robert Lanard				X		
Crystal Walker			X			

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and William Sumiel to give a preliminary approval for the site plan to address the parking issues, would like a copy of the resolution from the County authorizing use of their parking lot and approval from the County Planning Board, lighting and ADA compliance. All were in favor.

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and William Sumiel to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. All were in favor.