

EAST AURORA PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday June 4, 2024

PRESENT:

Randy West – Chair
Dale Morris – Vice-Chair
Daniel Castle – Member
Allen A. Ott. Jr. – Member
Geoff Hintz – Member
Stacy Oar – Member
Dave Simeone – Member
Liz Cassidy – CEO
Chris Trapp – Village Attorney
Joe Trapp - Counsel

ABSENT:

Deborah Izzat - Alternate

ALSO PRESENT:

Melanie Walker, Deputy Clerk
Steve Movalli

Chair West, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Member Castle questioned a clause on page 2. Member Castle motioned to approve the May 7th meeting minutes with the clause deleted, seconded by Member Hintz and unanimously approved.

**Site Plan Approval
Nativity Lutheran Church
To construct a roof canopy at the rear entrance (East side) to the church
Steve Movalli, 970 Main Street**

Chair West opened the discussion of the application by Steve Movalli of Nativity Lutheran Church of East Aurora for a modification to the approved site plan to construct a roof canopy at the rear entrance to the church. The applicant said the canopy will match the existing building, and that installation of automatic door openers will improve safety and accessibility with the rear entrance of the church. The PC asked if this project would take care of icing problems at the entrance and the applicant responded that the canopy roof will greatly help by deflecting ice and water away from the entrance.

Findings:

1. The proposed project is a minor addition to the back of the building.
2. It will be architecturally consistent with the rest of the building.
3. It will improve safety for people using the entrance.

A motion to approve the Site Plan as submitted based upon the listed findings was made by Member Castle the motion was seconded by Member Simone and unanimously approved.

Member Consideration:

Chair West - Mentioned that he has stated to the Town of Aurora Planning Board that the PC would like to contribute as much as possible to the Town's Master Plan, for which consultants are currently being interviewed. Also, that the PC would like to consult, for its own purposes, the Town's short-term rental code, currently in revision, and that Code Enforcement has stated that it will provide a copy to the PC as soon as it is available.

Member Morris - The owner/redeveloper of Emerson Hall on Prospect (project previously recommended by the PC and approved by the VB) would give the PC a tour of the facility tomorrow night June 5th at 5:30 pm.

Member Castle – The County is working on the next round of Planning Grants getting out in a couple weeks.

Member Ott. Jr. – none

Member Hintz – none

Member Oar – none

Member Simeone – The new owner of the Roycroft Inn, Douglas Jemal, has begun modification of the bar in the Craftsman Lounge. Code Enforcement said a building permit is required for the exterior, that the historic status of the building does not change when interior improvements are done, and that exterior improvements must go through approvals.

Member Castle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM, seconded by Member Simone and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Walker

Deputy Clerk